

I. Kingdom words and kingdom works

- A. Sin and alienation (Genesis 3:1-19)
- B. We tend to think that the effects of salvation are purely “spiritual”
- C. The inauguration of Jesus' ministry: “Good news to the poor” (Luke 4:16-21; see Isaiah 61:1-4)
- D. The announcement of the kingdom of God (see Mark 1:14-15; Luke 8:40-56; 9:10-17)
- E. Jesus preaches the kingdom as a feast for the poor (Luke 14:12-24; 24)

II. Carrying on Jesus' words and works

- A. During Jesus' ministry: the sending of the Seventy-two and the Twelve (see Luke 9:1-6; 10:1-12, 17-20)
- B. “Greater works than these” (John 14:12)
- C. The testimony of Acts
- D. Non-miraculous kingdom works (Acts 2; 4; 6:1-7)
- E. Outside of Jerusalem (see Acts 11:27-30; Galatians 2:10; 1 Corinthians 16:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15)

III. Objections to doing kingdom works

- A. “That's for liberals”
- B. “It's the government's job” (Sola Welfara – Carl Ellis)
- C. “The poor have gotten themselves into this mess” (Sola Bootstrappa)
- D. “It's impossibly large”

IV. Kingdom works and the diaconate

- A. Deacons: assistants or something more? (1 Timothy 3:8-13 vs. Acts 6:1-7)
- B. Lead the church, don't replace it
- C. Proactive, not reactive
- D. Expect works to lead to words – and new people groups – and trouble

V. Why does the church carry on Jesus' word and works?

- A. Not just because Jesus is a great example!!!
- B. if we preach Jesus as only the great example, we are terribly wrong
- C. The things he did, he did for us (2 Corinthians 9:10-15)
- D. We do the works he did from a place of security and overwhelming wealth