

“When the Son of Man is Revealed”

Sermon Notes

- **Take courage, Christ's “D-Day” is accomplished –
but stay engaged, for Christ's “V-Day” is yet to come**

**The Scriptures clearly teach us that the kingdom of God is...*

1. ..._____ (vv.20-21)

So...

2. ..._____ (vv.22-37)

So...

Next Week: Romans 15:14 - “The Characteristics of a Qualified Counselor”
Kick Off-Sunday

MEFC Community Group Study Questions
For the week of September 2nd – 8th

Getting Started

1. The second coming of Christ is a significant theme in Luke's Gospel. In fact, since March, this is our fifth sermon we've heard on this topic. How are you growing in your understanding of what the Bible says in this area?

Digging Deeper

2. Take this short True / False quiz with the other members of your group and share your answers with one another. All Scripture references are found in the Gospel According to Luke (no peeking until each person has answered ;0)

1. *The kingdom of God is unrelated to Israel* T/F (1:37; 22:30)
2. *The kingdom of God is extended to non-Jews* T/F (13:29)
3. *The kingdom of God is already* T/F (17:21)
4. *The kingdom of God is not yet* T/F (19:11; 22:18)
5. *The kingdom of God awaits every professing believer* (T/F 9:62)

Open Your Bible to Luke 17:20-37...

3. Why is it critical for us as believers to understand the sense in which the kingdom of God is “already” (17:20-21)?

4. On the other hand, why is it critical for us as believers to understand the sense in which the kingdom of God is “not yet” (17:22-37)?

5. What might some doctrinal or practical errors be for Christians who tend to dismiss either the “already” or the “not yet” aspects of Christ's kingdom?

6. Why does Jesus repeatedly emphasize that his cross must come before his crown (Luke 9:21-22; 9:43-45; 12:49-50; 17:25)? Why did this come as such a surprise to his 1st century

disciples? As you scan verses 22-37, don't you get the sense that the surprise will be just as great when he comes for his crown? What lessons might 21st century disciples of Jesus learn from his 1st century ones?

7. What characterized the people of the earth at the time of the flood (Genesis 6:5-8)? What characterized the people of Sodom and Gomorrah at the time of the destruction of those cities (Genesis 18:16-19:29)? Remind you of any nations you know? How does Peter offer Noah and Lot as examples for us as believers in the midst of a wicked culture (2 Peter 2:4-10)? What sort of comfort does Peter intend his readers to draw from 2 Peter 2:9? Does it comfort you? Why?

8. Verses 34 and 35 speak of division among people at the time of the return of our Lord. In the context, do you want to be "taken" or "left"? How do you know? Compare these two verses with a parallel passage in Matthew 24:36-44. How about in that context? Do you want to be "taken" or "left"? How do you know?

9. What is the meaning of verse 37? What is the proper application? How ought this truth encourage us to fly to Christ for our refuge and shelter? At the same time, how ought this truth embolden us to preach Christ to those on our 'List of 5'?