

THE BIG IDEA: We carry the kingdom because we carry the King.

The Take-Off

If I were to summarize the first 2 weeks of our Kingdom Come series in one statement, it would be this: King Jesus has called the children of God to use the authority of the kingdom to establish the destiny of the kingdom here as in heaven.

It all starts with knowing that God's desire is that whatever is in heaven would be here on earth, and he showed that when he sent Jesus from heaven to earth.

Jesus is the King over this kingdom, and we're the sent ones who are bringing that kingdom here.

Remember the Lord's prayer? Your kingdom come ... on earth as it is in heaven.

Last week, we talked about how the kingdom is near us.

That's good - it's good to be found if you're lost, rescued if you're trapped.

Jesus could have simply gotten us out of danger and then left us hoping we'd learned our lesson and wouldn't get in trouble again, but he came to do so much more than that.

He didn't just come to get us out of hell; He came to get heaven into us.

The truth is that the kingdom isn't just near you and me, it's actually IN you and me.

I believe that the implications of that one statement are so life-altering that we're going to the the remaining 3 weeks of this series to work through them.

If the kingdom is IN us (and it is!), then we carry the kingdom everywhere we go!

Carrying the kingdom changes HOW we walk, WHO we walk with, WHERE we walk, and WHAT we do when we get there

Having the kingdom in us is huge!

1. What does it mean to carry the kingdom?

- a. Let's talk about this: what exactly has been placed in us?
- b. It almost sounds like a science experiment gone bad, right?
- c. We were watching the movie RAMPAGE the other night and it was all about how the genetics had been edited and creatures changed and got bigger and developed weird characteristics and strengths.
- d. The thought of the kingdom being in us can be tough to wrap our heads around, right?
- e. Are we going to be some kind of weird religious freak now?
- f. Maybe, but not for the reasons you might think.
- g. Look at [Luke 17:20-21](#) and let's see if we can figure out how a big kingdom got into little people like us:
 - The NIV says that the kingdom is "within" you
 - The NLT translates it more accurately as "among" you
 - Jesus is talking to Pharisees and we know the kingdom wasn't in them
 - Jesus is talking and we know that Jesus is the King of the kingdom
 - Jesus was telling the Pharisees that HE was the kingdom!
- h. We know that Jesus came near us, but that's not all...
 - [John 14:20](#)
 - [Romans 8:10](#)
 - [Galatians 2:20](#)
- i. Now, quickly look back at [Luke 17:20-21](#) with these verses in mind, and what Jesus was telling the Pharisees is that the kingdom isn't external, but internal first
- j. What makes us different as Christians isn't that we attend church or tithe or have the YouVersion app on our smartphone.
- k. What makes us different is what is happening in us.
- l. We stand out because of what's (or who) been placed in us.
- m. **We carry the kingdom because we carry the King.**
- n. Let that sink in!

2. Does carrying the kingdom change the way we walk?

- a. Should carrying the kingdom change how we walk, and if so, how?
- b. [Ephesians 4:1](#) / live a life worthy of your calling

- c. What's our calling? To make known among the nations the glory of God and the kingdom!
- d. [Colossians 1:25](#) / proclaim the entire message
- e. [Colossians 1:26](#) / We've been entrusted with a secret that was withheld for centuries and generations!
- f. What is the secret? Let's see if we can get some help answering that:
- g. [\[VIDEO / The Lion King - "He lives in you"\]](#)
- h. How does carrying the kingdom change the way we walk?
 - With awareness of what we're carrying (Crazy driver - had "Baby on Board" decal in window?)
 - With confidence in who we're carrying
 - With expectation
 - With value (we're been entrusted with the greatest treasure ever)

The Landing

The church is in a full-blown identity crisis today.

If ever we needed to remember who we are, it's now.

Mufasa's words to Simba echo Paul's to the Colossians and Ephesians: "Remember who you are - you are more than what you have become." "Christ is IN you - you carry his glory - live worthy of that call!"

Let's pray.