

TAKING THE KINGDOM OF GOD



TO THE STREETS

Luke 9:23

And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

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A Study guide for Leaders in the Body of Christ

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INTRODUCTION:

This Study Guide has been written to encourage the 'Body of Christ' to actually "Take the Kingdom of God to the Streets".

For years, many church congregations have been satisfied just sitting in the pews. Although, there are some denominations and churches such as the Catholic Church, who have been busy going out to the communities and doing many good works. They have been doing a good job of meeting the 'physical' needs of the people. This is very important to continue doing.

By "Taking the Kingdom of God to the Streets", however, we mean taking the supernatural (the Holy Ghost) to the people. This needs to be done in addition to meeting their 'physical' needs.

Many of the Charismatic and Pentecostal churches and denominations have been moving in the 'Gifts' of the Holy Spirit, and recently have been seeing 'Signs & Wonders'.

Most of this has been seen and done within the church walls.

This needs to be taken to the streets, thereby, "Taking the Kingdom of God to the Streets".

People today, particularly street people are looking for someone or something to help them with their problems. The answer of course is Jesus; who can become real to them through the manifestation of the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:7)

These people are very 'hardcore' today, and they need to see the supernatural (the Holy Ghost) at work to prove to them that God can really change their lives. (Mark 16:17-20)

Jesus spoke about preaching "The Kingdom of God" and taking it out to the people.

We are to do just like Jesus, and take the 'Miracles', and 'Signs & Wonders' out of the churches and into the streets where the 'unbelievers' are.

(Read the Study Guide on "Signs & Wonders" by Timothy II)

It is time to get up out of the pews, and go to the streets. Not just the church leaders, but all of the 'Body of Christ'.

If we would all go, there would be many laborers for the end-time harvest, instead of a few. (Matthew 9:37, 39 Luke 10:2)

God is pouring out His Holy Spirit on all flesh, so that we will all be endued with the power to be able to go to the streets. (Acts 2:16-18 Acts 1:8)

I pray this Study Guide will also encourage the church leadership to 'lead' the people out of the churches and into the streets. (Numbers 27:16, 17 Luke 14:21)

Amen!

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“Taking the Kingdom of God to the Streets”, means literally taking the ‘supernatural’ things of God (Miracles, Signs & Wonders) to the people in the streets.

I. JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE:

Jesus is our example of preaching about, and “Taking the Kingdom of God to the Streets”.

Matt 4:23-24

23 **And Jesus went about all Galilee**, teaching in their synagogues, and **preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing** all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

24 **And his fame went throughout all Syria:** and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; **and he healed them.**

Jesus said to pray for more laborers.

Matt 9:35-38

35 **And Jesus went about all the cities and villages**, teaching in their synagogues, and **preaching the gospel of the kingdom**, and **healing** every sickness and every disease among the people.

36 **But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them**, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

37 Then saith he unto his disciples, **The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;**

38 **Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.**

Jesus said to the people the “Kingdom of God” is at hand.

Mark 1:14-15

14 Now after that John was put in prison, **Jesus came** into Galilee, **preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,**

15 **And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand:** repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Jesus said He ‘must’ preach the “Kingdom of God”. It didn’t matter what the time of day or night.

Luke 4:40-43

40 **Now when the sun was setting**, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and **he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.**

41 And **devils also came out** of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.

42 **And when it was day**, he departed and went into a desert place: and the people sought him, and came unto him, and stayed him, that he should not depart from them.

43 **And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent.**

II. BY CASTING OUT DEMONS:

We “Take the Kingdom of God to the Streets” by casting out demons.

Matt 12:28

28 **But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.**

Luke 11:20

20 **But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.**

III. BY HEALING THE SICK AND CURING DISEASES:

We “Take the Kingdom of God to the Streets” by healing the sick and curing diseases. Jesus first sent out His twelve disciples to do this.

Luke 9:1-2

1 **Then he called his twelve disciples** together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.

2 **And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.**

Luke 9:6

6 **And they departed**, and went through the towns, **preaching the gospel, and healing every where.**

Then Jesus sent another seventy also to do this.

This means that Jesus didn’t just choose His twelve disciples to go to the streets, but another seventy, thereby not limiting the number. This means we too are to go!

Luke 10:1

1 **After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them** two and two before his face **into every city and place**, whither he himself would come.

Luke 10:8-9

8 **And into whatsoever city ye enter**, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you:

9 **And heal the sick** that are therein, **and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.**

IV. EVEN IF THEY DON'T RECEIVE IT!

We are to “Take the Kingdom of God to the Streets”, whether it is received or not. The results are not up to us. That way, we don’t get the credit if they do receive it, and we don’t have to feel responsible if they don’t receive it.

This helps us to understand, it is God that does the work, not us, and that way we won’t get full of pride or become depressed from the results.

Luke 10:10-11

10 **But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say,**

11 **Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.**

V. PHILIP THE EVANGELIST:

Philip the Evangelist who was a Deacon in the church, “Took the Kingdom of God to the Streets”.

Acts 8:5-7

5 **Then Philip went down to the city** of Samaria, **and preached Christ** unto them.

6 **And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.**

7 **For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.**

Acts 8:12-13

12 **But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God**, and the name of Jesus Christ, **they were baptized**, both men and women.

13 **Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.**

VI. PAUL THE APOSTLE:

Paul preached and taught “The Kingdom of God” publicly.

Acts 20:20

20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, **and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,**

Acts 20:25

25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, **among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God,** shall see my face no more.

Even when Paul was confined to a house in Rome, he still preached “The Kingdom of God” to all that came to him.

Acts 28:23

23 And when they had appointed him a day, **there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God,** persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, **from morning till evening.**

Acts 28:30-31

30 **And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him,**

31 **Preaching the kingdom of God,** and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

CONCLUSION:

We as Christians, are all capable of “Taking the Kingdom of God to the Streets”, because “The Kingdom of God” is within us.

Jesus said:

Luke 17:20-21

20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, **he answered them** and said, **The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:**

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, **behold, the kingdom of God is within you.**

“The Kingdom of God” is within us through the Holy Ghost, and we have righteousness, peace and joy, because we know that our Serving Jesus Christ is acceptable to God.

Rom 14:17-18

17 **For the kingdom of God is** not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy **in the Holy Ghost.**

18 **For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God,** and approved of men.

And we know that we can Serve Him because we have the Power:

1 Cor 4:20

20 **For the kingdom of God is** not in word, but **in power.**

Through the Holy Spirit that is in us:

1 Cor 3:16

16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that **the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?**

I Jn 3:24

24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. **And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.**

I Jn 4:13

13 **Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.**

AMEN!

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