

"For Such a Time as This"

Six Session Webinar

Based on Dallas Willard's 3 Sessions, Baylor University, February 2004

~> **Session 3 - "The Kingdom of God Now in Jesus"**

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Session I - Summary

John 15, Psalm 16 & 46

The sufficiency of God is the very center of what we have to enjoy and experience in ourselves and what we have to give to others. All of our teaching must be focused on what all of our living must be focused on - the sufficiency of God. God is enough.

Session II - Finding the Kingdom of God Now thru Jesus & His Words

~> Obedience in Knowing God Colossians 3:1-5 [3:45]

We are talking about "knowing" the Kingdom of God.
Obedience is the organ of knowledge in the spiritual life.

Our aim is not to do what Jesus said but to become the kind of people who would naturally do that. Me first...then I try to help others.

~> The Kingdom of God Mt. 11:11-12; Luke 16:16 [11:15]

Does the Gospel I preach have a natural tendency to produce disciples as distinguished from consumers of religious goods and services?

Do I preach the Kingdom of God "at hand" available to you now?
* A Leper * A Centurion

~> The Problem in Modern Day Teaching about the Kingdom [18:00]

This is not the gospel we normally hear. In one way or another, it is positioned away from us. What we hear are "Gospels of sin management". We have to step through to the center and lift up Jesus as the King.

Proper New Testament Hermeneutic: Jesus is a King, He has a Kingdom.

John 6:63 - *"The words that I speak unto you are spirit, they are life."*

My take-away is...

Next Session 4 — "Making An Apprentice"

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Meditation & Application — Read Matthew 11:11-12. Reflect on "raiding the Kingdom."

1. How does my obedience to practicing what Jesus taught impact my knowledge of Jesus?
2. What is the difference between a disciple and a consumer of Christian goods & services?
3. How do I define the "gospel" and what do people hear me say it means?