

AM PREACHING SERIES
THE KINGDOM OF GOD (Aug – Sep)

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1. Sunday 29 August The Importance of the Kingdom

- Its significance – Major theme of Jesus’ preaching and ministry
- Explain what is the Kingdom of God
- Explain the loss of the Kingdom of God:
 - The Garden of Eden
 - Consequences for creation and mankind (physically, spiritually, etc)
- Explain God’s actions to restore the Kingdom of God in and through Jesus’ death and resurrection.

2. Sunday 5 September The Future of the Kingdom of God

- Introduce →now and not yet concept
- Talk through the history of the Kingdom of God
 - Garden, OT, Jesus’ birth through to the wedding feast (Revelation)
- Explain the presence of spiritual warfare and Judgement
 - Progress and setbacks
- Call for perseverance in the face of victory
- Explain “Come Lord Jesus”

3. Sunday 12 September Enjoying the blessings of the Kingdom of God

- Explain entry into the Kingdom
- Key benefits: righteousness, joy, peace
- Other benefits: forgiveness, etc.
- Explain that today’s benefits are incomparable to those of the future as pictured in Revelation
- Warn of the impact of sin now on self and others

4. **Sunday 19 September The Church in the Kingdom**

- Explain the differences between the church and the Kingdom of God
- Explain the role of the church
 1. Proclamation
 2. Being a Kingdom community (major focus)
 3. Suffering
- Illustration: The role of Jesus and the purpose of the church

5. **Sunday 26 September Ministry and Mission in the Kingdom of God**

Explain:

- Place of miracles
- Proclamation
- Suffering
- Success of the Kingdom
 - The Kingdom of God is forcefully advancing in spite of opposition
 - Brief statement about the growth of Christianity and the number of Christians today
- Rejection of the Kingdom of God
- Call the church to follow the example of Jesus