

Break out questions Session 1

1. Regarding God's kingdom what do you think Matthew 6:33 means? How do we "Seek first the kingdom"?

2. How important is it to understand God's Kingdom?

3. Why is the kingdom a difficult concept to understand?

4. Who is the central figure in the Bible regarding the Kingdom? Why?

5. How did Christ teachings reveal the Kingdom?

6. How Jesus' acts reveal the kingdom?

7. Of the kingdom attributes that were covered, which one(s) helped you understand it better? (Eschatological, upside-down, Cruciform, Already-Not yet)

8. In what ways is the cross crucial to our understanding of the kingdom?

9. Where do we see evidences of Christ's kingdom rule already?

Break-out questions session 2

1. How was the empire defined in session 2?

2. Of the empire's attributes, which one(s) helped you understand it better? (Seductive, ubiquitous, Imagination capturing, foundation?)

2. How does Paul warn us about the lure and deceitfulness of the Empire? (2 Corinthians 11:14, Colossians 1:15-17, 2:8, Ephesians 6:10-13, Romans 8:35-39,12:1-2)

3. Describe how Moses and Pharaoh exemplify the battle between the kingdom and the empire.

4. What is the role of the Prophets warnings to understand the empire's influence?

5. Regarding the empire in the New Testament, where do you see the battle between Christ and the Roman Empire?

6. How is Jesus' call to be salt and light challenge us as we live in the empire?

7. How does Revelation help us to live faithfully in the shadow of the empire?

