

## RCMI L-Path Teaching

March 1, 2020

**TITLE: KINGDOM COME**

**TEXT: Luke 17: 20-37; others as specified**

**BIG IDEA:** The kingdom of God is both a present reality we can experience now, and a future blessing to look forward to later.

**INTRO:** March Theme - **KINGDOM MIND**

Big Idea: The Kingdom of Heaven is here, right now, & seeking it should be the top priority of ourselves.

- The whole of Jesus' teaching ministry centers in these words: "The kingdom of God is at hand" (Mark 1:15).
- The Kingdom of God is the essence of the Church's message and life. We are called to the Kingdom's life and power in the present, while still anticipating its final fullness and consummation in the future.

### **I. KINGDOM PERCEPTION [Pang-unawa Sa Kaharian]**

A. Jesus explains that the Kingdom of God is already established. It is future in the sense of its full consummation but it is a current reality, it began with the ministry of Jesus and continues throughout our day and will be fully established when the reign of Christ visibly covers the entire planet.

**God's Kingdom is present wherever He is truly recognized and honored as King.**

#### **B. The Kingdom of God cannot be detected by visible signs. [v.20b]**

- In the MacArthur Study Bible the note reads: "*The Pharisees believed that the Messiah's triumph would be immediate. They were looking for Him to come, overthrow Rome, and set up the millennial kingdom. Christ's program was altogether different. He was inaugurating an era in which the kingdom would be manifest in the rule of God in men's hearts through faith in the Savior.*"
- What is the "Kingdom of God"? The Kingdom of God has been defined simply and accurately as *God's people, in God's place, under God's rule* (see R. Kent Hughes commentary on Luke; Vol.2; p.175).

#### **C. The Kingdom of God is in our midst.**

- The kingdom of God was among them because the King was among them.
- The statement of Jesus called attention to Himself, not to man.

D. The Kingdom is present in Jesus. The kingdom is future with Jesus. The kingdom beings and ends with Jesus—and does not require a sign, because Jesus is Himself the sign. The kingdom is both 'already' and 'not yet'.

### **II. KINGDOM PURPOSE [Layunin Ng Kaharian]**

**The original purpose of God was to establish and extend His Heavenly Kingdom on earth.** God's purpose is for heaven to invade earth.

- **God wanted to colonize earth with heaven.**
- **To colonize a place means that you extend your influence; to colonize means to influence a territory to become just like you.**
- **Your colon is your mouth and your rectum tied together.** That's where the word, '*colony*' comes from. It's your mouth that feeds your rectum.
- **What did Adam do in chapter 3 of Genesis?** He cut off the colon, he separated himself from God. He abandoned relationship with the government of Heaven and now heaven was no longer in touch with earth.
- **Jesus taught His disciples how to pray:** Matt. 6:10, "...our kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Pray to be reconnected to the Divine Headquarters.

### **III. KINGDOM OF PRIESTS [Kaharian Ng Mga Saserdote]**

**We are to be a Kingdom of Priests, [Ex.19:6, 1 Pet. 2:9]**

- God's desire was to manifest His wisdom and execute His will and Kingdom and influence on the earth.
- Christ came, reconnected us to heaven and then told us now go tell everybody they're connected. [2 Cor. 5:18, 20]

**CHALLENGE:** The kingdom of God is both a present reality we can experience now, and a future blessing to look forward to later.

- To be in God's kingdom, we must be personally related to God's King Jesus and we must faithfully await the kingdom's consummation when He returns in glory to judge everyone.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

- What have you learned from our topic today?
- How will you respond now that you know that the Kingdom of God is both a present reality and a future blessing? Share.

#### **OTHERS:**

- Firstfruit Offering
- Fund Raising Project: 700 sanctuary seats @ P1,500 ea.
- How many chairs would you sponsor? [Kindly fill up pledge form]