

The Kingdom

Part 4-Passport

3 Elements of the Kingdom: A Place, A People, Power

We must leave our old kingdom, the new is coming but we can live in it now:

The Kingdom is a new national identity not expressed by race or earthly nationality

Jesus aimed His Kingdom at the poor, outcast, dispossessed – those who already were losing out on an earthly kingdom

How do WE regard these – the least of these?

Suffering Central

Luke 17:25 – Jesus HAD to _____

Acts 9:16 – Paul’s ministry will be defined by _____

2 Timothy 3:10-12 - Follow Paul in suffering.

All who wish to _____ suffer

1 Peter 4:1-2 Arm yourself with _____ of

Suffering (it helps _____ the flesh)

3:14-17 Suffering is key to _____

-suffer for doing the _____

4:12-19 Don’t be _____ by it

Rejoice & suffer for right reasons

Realize you’re _____ Jesus

Jesus sums the whole teaching up

Matthew 5:10-12 Blessed -this gains the _____!

Application

American Christianity has become focused on the

elimination of _____ & _____

for believers

We are willing to live for Christ as long as it _____

_____.

Caring for “the least of these”

Loving our enemy

Suffering for doing the right thing

We are _____, we are _____

The Pursuit of _____ trumps our
Pursuit of Christ

Arm yourself with the _____ of suffering

– not living for yourself and own

satisfaction/pleasure/desires

- _____ (can restore and supercharge)

-Friendships under strain

- _____

-Community

Jesus put Himself out there for people He _____

would reject Him and _____

of Him. Paul followed in His footsteps.

Do YOU _____ Jesus?

Do you consider it _____ when you
experience these kinds of trials?

(friendships, neighbors, family, etc)

Are you _____ or _____ to be
treated like Jesus?