

SERMON NOTES

Sunday 14 May

sunnysidechurch

Thy Kingdom Come

Bible passages: Acts 17.22-31; John 14.15-21

Introduction

- Thy Kingdom Come: a global wave of prayer 18th-28th May
- 2 themes for TKC23:
Our Father in heaven – the character of God
Thy kingdom come – love and serve

Acts 17

- Paul's second missionary journey includes Athens
- Paul's response to the altar of the unknown god

Acts 17.22-31

- The character of God: God is the creator of all things who is knowable and near in Jesus Christ
- Love and serve: we are invited to respond to who God is and what he has done for us by repenting; we show our love for him by obedience

Conclusion

- Thy Kingdom Come is a bold and urgent prayer
- Which 5 people will we pray for?

Don't forget: A short service for Ascension Day at 12 noon in Sunnyside on 18th May to start Thy Kingdom Come

Some questions for discussion

1. How have you seen God at work through people loving and serving in the past week?
2. Read Acts 17.22-31. What do you notice about how Paul introduces the Athenians to the unknown god?
3. Paul speaks about the character of God. What aspects of God's character are most important to you?
4. Read John 14.15-21. Why does Jesus connect love and obedience?
5. How does the link between love and obedience help us understand why repentance is so vital for healthy discipleship?
6. Which 5 people might you pray for during TKC? How might you love and serve them?
7. What is God asking you to do as a result of what he has said to you through these passages? It might be something to pray about, something to think more about, something he wants you to talk to someone about or something he wants you to do. Make a note of it so you don't forget!

“This, then, is how you should pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.” (Matthew 6.9-10)

Why not spend some time thanking God for who he is and praying for your 5 that they will come to know the love of God in Christ Jesus?

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