

ALIEN: Kingdom Come
Bridgebuilder

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The Two KINGDOMS

Jesus teaches us that His kingdom is not of this world. The earthly kingdom we live in is called the United States of America. But there is a heavenly kingdom that lives inside of us if we are Christians. The kingdom inside us is here, but not in its fullness. How we live will determine if the kingdom will come and be visible to other people.

_____ means that we build bridges of _____.

How to BUILD a BRIDGE of PEACE

1 Peter 2:17 gives us the blue print to how we are to build a bridge of peace in our life and everyone around us. There are four areas of our life that we must find peace if we want the kingdom to be in our life.

_____ draws us to _____.

_____ shows God that we _____.

_____ shows God that we _____.

_____ shows the world that _____.

Discussion Questions

Getting Started

1. Discuss the differences of an earthly kingdom and a heavenly kingdom that Jesus talked about consistently in His teachings.

Digging Deeper

2. What are the benefits of fearing God (Psalm 25:12; 33:18-19; 34:7; 60:4; 85:9; 103:11; 111:5; 112:1; 115:11-13; 145:19; 128:1-4; 147:11; Proverbs 10:27; 15:16; 19:23; 22:4; 28:14; Ecclesiastes 8:12-13; Luke 1:50; Isaiah 33:6; Malachi 4:2)?
3. Concentrate on the idea that the fear of God draws us to Him. How is it possible to tremble in the presence of God and also be overwhelmed by His goodness (Hosea 3:5)? How can we fear God and not be afraid all at the same time (Luke 12:5-7)?
4. Read Romans 13:1-7. Study the role of government. What are the main responsibilities of the ruling authorities according to the apostle Paul?

Applying the Word to Life

5. Can you honestly state that you value everyone? Do you look at everyone as someone who was made in the image of God and therefore has intrinsic worth? Or have you turned certain leaders and others into monsters? If there is someone you do not value, then confess it to God and repent and do something to that person to prove that you value him or her.
6. When is the last time you've taken an inventory of your words? Do you spout off empty words from time to time? How much control do you have over your mouth? If you struggle in this area, examine your heart (Matthew 12:33-37). Challenge for the week: Speak less if you talk too much. Weigh your words carefully. Spend an hour (or day) without talking. Give your heart time to think (James 1:19).