THE LIVING ROOM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 KINGDOM COMMUNITY

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What is the Kingdom of God?

"The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all." -Psalm 103:19

Jesus, the Messiah, inaugurated the Kingdom of God, but in an upside-down way.

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." -Matthew 4:17

"... nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is in your midst." -Luke 17:21

"Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.'" -John 18:36

Jesus demonstrated the Kingdom Life.

There is tension that lies between the "already" vs. the "not yet".

The Marks of a Kingdom Community:

1. Spirit _

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." -Matthew 6:33

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." -Matthew 6:10

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2. Loves every ______

"We love because he first loved us." -1 John 4:19

3. Displays _____

"You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you." -Psalm 118:28

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." -1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

4. Risks

"Simply being with someone is difficult because it asks of us that we share in the other's vulnerability, enter with him or her into the experience of weakness and powerlessness, become part of the uncertainty, and give up control and self-determination." Henri Nouwen

5. _____ by the Spirit.

"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." -Ephesians 4:15-16