COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of Sunday, September 15th

***Last week's sermon & this homework can be found at gbcmt.org/sermons or on the GBC App*

Prayer and Praise:

As we are all seeking to encourage one another to be growing spiritually, share with your group how you personally are most challenged and spurred on in your pursuit of Christlikeness. (Essentially, let your group know how best they can encourage you spiritually.)

After prayer, please continue praising God through song: *#16 – O Worship the King.*

Together in the Word:

1. Reflecting upon Pastor Bryan's message, to your best ability, define "the kingdom."_____
2. Read Isaiah 2:1–4; 9:6–7; 11:4-9; 35:1, 8–9; 65:19–25 and Micah 1:1–4 and Zechariah 14:4, 8–9. In light of these passages, what are some things that we know to be true about the Kingdom?_____
3. In Read Matthew 8:11–12. What is the meaning of these verses? _____
4. Why has the Kingdom not come yet? _____
5. Why is it important for Christians to understand and study about the future? _____

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE KINGDOM?

Selected Scripture

(Special credit to Michael Vlach)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"What Happened to the Kingdom?"** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Because life on earth can be hard at times, we are drawn to what kind of statements in Scripture?

2. What four descriptions of the future kingdom do we find in Isaiah 2:1-4?
   a. Mount Zion/Jerusalem will be in a position of:
   b. Who will swarm to Jerusalem to learn from the Lord?
   c. The Lord will judge between whom?
   d. What will no longer be needed?

3. Isaiah 9:6-7 tells us that the Messiah will rule upon the throne of David in Jerusalem and bring what?

4. Has Isaiah 11:4-9 happened yet?

5. Isaiah 35:1-9 describes that what will be present in Jerusalem when the Messiah reigns?

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6. Why is it not possible that Isaiah 65:19-25 is a reference to the new heavens and earth described in Revelation 21-22?

7. What will be the 1st phase of the ultimate plan of God to have a completely new heavens and a new earth?

8. Micah 4:1-4 reiterates what we saw in what passage?

9. Micah adds a 5th characteristic of the nature of the future kingdom by saying that the conditions will be what?

10. How will we know that the king born in Bethlehem is establishing his kingdom on earth?

11. The Gospel of Matthew opens with a genealogy to prove what?

12. Who never had a throne in heaven?

13. Those who were godly were looking for and anticipating what?

14. Would the people who heard John the Baptizer's pronouncement have assumed he was talking about how to go to heaven?

15. Why did neither John nor Jesus offer any explanation about the meaning of the kingdom?

16. What verb was a common word used by the Jews to describe a joyous banquet celebration?

17. The kingdom will include believing Gentiles and exclude what?

18. In Matthew 10 we see that the kingdom message was for whom?

19. Jesus denounced the leaders of Israel and cities/people of Israel because they did not do what?

20. Who declared that Jesus is Satanic and He does miracles by the power of Satan?

21. What is the unpardonable sin?

22. The new information Jesus gives in Matthew 13 about the kingdom, have often been called the what?

23. What will Jesus bring with Him the second time He comes to earth?

24. Jesus broaden the scope of His ministry to include who?

25. The Canaanite woman knew Jesus was no mere man, and that is why she did what?

26. The Canaanite woman felt no sense of what when responding to Jesus?

27. Peter would have thought that if Jesus is going to be killed, then that means what dies with Him?

28. At the Mount of Transfiguration, Peter thought what was starting?

29. What did Peter, Moses, and Elijah discuss at the Mount of Transfiguration?

30. In Luke 19, what thought does Jesus correct related to the disciples' thoughts on the kingdom?

31. In Luke 19:12, Jesus made it clear about what?

32. What happened to the kingdom?