

# THE STORY OF GOD: THE KINGDOM OF GOD

MARK 1:14-15 — FEB. 7, 2010

## **Introduction**

How do you view the Christian life?  
As being on a cruise ship to Mazatlan?  
Or as being a soldier rescuing prisoners of war?

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## **What kingdom was here before Jesus came?**

John 14:29-20

Satan's kingdom was here with three horrifying results:

1. Sin's power and wickedness increased
2. Demonic beings tormented people
3. Sickness spread throughout the earth

## **How can we be freed from Satan's kingdom?**

By Jesus' death on the Cross, removing the guilt that brought us Satan's kingdom.

## **What happened when Jesus brought God's kingdom?**

Jesus freed people from sin's power (Luke 19:8)

Jesus freed people from demons (Mat 9:32-33)

Jesus healed the sick (Matt 4:32-33)

## **Why is Satan's kingdom still around?**

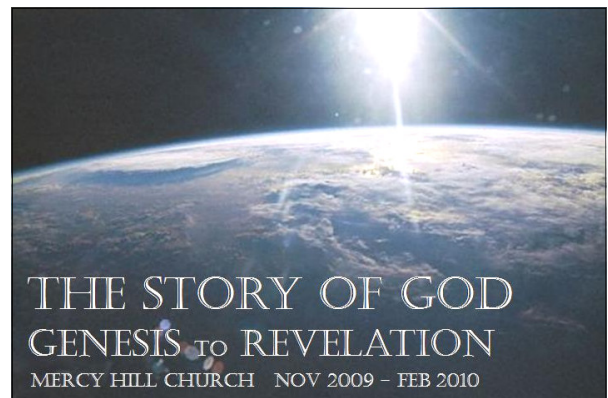
Luke 13:18-21

Because God's kingdom grows slowly, taking back ground from Satan's kingdom, until the Second Coming.

## **What does Jesus call us to do in the meantime?**

Matt 12:28-29

Plunder Satan's house



## **HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING**

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

Does it make sense that before Jesus came, Satan's kingdom was on earth? Why or why not?

If you are trusting Jesus, then you've been freed from Satan's kingdom. What's one way you experienced this freedom?

Have you seen life more as being on a cruise ship to Mazatlan — or as being a soldier rescuing prisoners of war?

What's one way you could move towards being a soldier rescuing prisoners of war?

How can you make sure you're doing that from faith, and not as a work?

What's your take-away from this message? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

