

# Kingdom Living

Exploring the Sermon on the Mount



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## The priority of the kingdom

<sup>9</sup> “This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <sup>10</sup> **your kingdom come**, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.’” (Matthew 6:9-10)

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

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## The necessity of the Holy Spirit

<sup>4</sup> On one occasion [after his Resurrection] ... [Jesus] gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for **the gift my Father promised**, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup> For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with **the Holy Spirit**.'

Acts 1:4-5

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**Why do we exist?**

**For the heavenly  
transformation of people  
and culture in Bristol**

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<sup>13</sup> 'You are the **salt of the earth**. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

<sup>14</sup> 'You are the **light of the world**. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:13-16

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Church	Kingdom
Energy in	Energy out
What suits me	Needs of lost
Place of Retreat	People of Rescue
'Conversion' – [just] Saving Souls	Shaping Culture
Programme	Presence
Self-reliant	Spirit-reliant
Here I am Lord, send her [Mission = send others]	Here I am Lord [We are missionaries]
Clergy / Staff do everything	An army equipped for service

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Church	Kingdom
You (consumer) – Obligation	Us (ownership) – Desire
Pretence	Authenticity
Closed	Open
Risk-averse (Safe)	Risk-taking
Possible	Impossible
Control	Release
Success – internal	Success – impact
Event we attend	Life done together

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It's not that the church of God has a mission  
but that the God of mission has a church

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The meeting place  
is the training place  
for the marketplace

John Wimber