

# Winter School of Truth 2020

## Group Guide

### Lesson Eleven—Key Topics Of The Bible (5)— The Kingdom and the Dispensations

#### **Background:**

The truth concerning the kingdom of God as revealed in the Word of God is largely misapplied, misunderstood or completely wrong. The kingdom of God is not merely a dispensation of time, nor is it only for dispensational punishment and outer darkness. The truth of the kingdom of God being a person, being a seed that grows, and being the church life is not widely known or understood. The various dispensations to impress us that we are at a time when the age is about to change and the kingdom age is about to come in.

#### **Burden to Impart:**

Our burden in this lesson is to see that wherever the Lord is, the kingdom of God is there. We need to open to receive the seed of the kingdom and allow this seed to grow in us into a ruling realm, the kingdom of God. We need to be impressed the age we live in and how the Lord needs a dispensational instrument to turn the age and bring in the age of the kingdom.

#### **Focus:**

God needs a realm for Him to carry out His purpose. For this we need to be those who submit to His throne and allow Him to reign over us. For this we need to let the seed of life grow in us into this ruling realm. We also need to be clear of the four dispensations, or ways, in which God deals with the old creation for the accomplishment of His purpose.

#### **Points for serving ones to consider**

The below points are suggestions that may be useful for the servings ones to prepare for the group time. These points are suggestions to help bring out fellowship concerning the burden of the message. Do not feel you that you need to go through all of them.

1. What is a kingdom?
2. Read Genesis 1:26, how does this verse show us that God's intention for man is related to the kingdom of God?
3. How is the kingdom of God related to the life of God?
4. Read Luke 17:20-21, what do these verses show us concerning the Lord Jesus and the kingdom of God?
5. How is our repentance and obedience related to the growth of the kingdom of God? Share some experiences of repenting for the kingdom.
6. Using the chart from the Recovery Version in Matthew 5 describe the four different dispensations and show where we are today.

#### **Ministry Reading, Questions and Memory Verses**

The ministry reading, questions and memory verses are listed in the handbooks and should be used consideration of the capacity of the group you are shepherding. We hope that there would be opportunity in each group time to read a little of the chapter as much as time and capacity allows.

#### **READING ASSIGNMENT:**

*The Bible—The Word of God*, lesson 9, Roman II and lesson 10, Roman II  
<https://www.ministrybooks.org/alphabetical.cfm?s=L>