

19 December

 Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Kingdom – God reigns

 Let's hear your story

1. Have you ever had to explain to a friend or family member the Kingdom of God?
2. What name is Jesus called in Revelation 19:13b? (**The Word of God**).
3. What name is written on Jesus' robe and thigh according to Revelation 19:16? (**King of kings and Lord of lords**).
4. What does Revelation 19:11 – 16 reveal about Jesus? (**Jesus is a victorious, conquering King and ruling over His kingdom**).

 Let's go deeper

5. What does Revelation 20:3 tell us about heaven? (**Believers will dwell together with God in heaven forever**).
6. What promise does God's Word give us in Revelation 21:4? (**God will wipe away every tear from our eyes, there will be no death or pain**).
7. What will not be allowed in heaven according to Revelation 21:27? (**Nothing unclean, anyone who does what is detestable or false**).
8. What tree will be in heaven according to Revelation 22:2? (**The tree of life**).

 Let's apply this

**9. Jesus is a victorious warrior King:**

In Revelation 19:11 – 16, we read of the glorious authority, victory and power of Jesus Christ.

- When you read and study these verses what stands out for you?
- How do these verses challenge your current picture of Jesus?
- In what ways do these verses comfort and encourage you?

SUMMARY:

- **Kingdom: God reigns**

**Who is the king?**

**Revelation 19:11 – 16;** Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems, and He has a name written that no one knows but Himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which He is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On His robe and on His thigh, He has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

**What is the Kingdom of Heaven like?**

**Revelation 21:1 – 5;** I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

**Read:** Revelation 21:22 – 27 and Revelation 22:1 – 5.

**What will the Christian life be like in the Kingdom of Heaven?**

**1 Corinthians 2:9 – 10;** "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him" — these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

**Revelation 3:21;** The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on His throne.

**Revelation 5:10;** You have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.

**1 Corinthians. 6:3;** Do you not know that we are to judge angels?

**How should a Kingdom Christian live in today's culture?**

**Matthew 6:10** - Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**Colossians 3:2** - Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. And **1 John 3:1 – 3**.