

DECEMBER '12



THY KINGDOM COME

THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

Isaiah 9:6-7

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

In December, Grace Church will be spending 5 weeks reflecting on the advent (coming) of our Messiah. The word *Messiah* comes from a Hebrew term which means "anointed one." Its Greek counterpart is *Christos*, from which we get the word Christ. Christ was not Jesus' last name! It was his title and his calling. The Messiah/Christ was a promised future king who would rule on David's throne, forgive sinners, restore justice and establish a forever kingdom of love, joy, peace, and love. Jesus came teaching us to live in light of the coming kingdom. He taught us to long for and pray this coming kingdom. And he was born so that he could die in order to bring forth this great kingdom.

The Prophets of the Old Testament, the Gospel writers, and John's Apocalypse will be our Scriptural guides. Here's what's in store for us...

December 2nd - Two Kingdoms

Learn the difference between the Rome Empire (and other earthly kingdoms) and God's Kingdom.

December 9th - Two Kings

Explore the difference between Herod the Great and Jesus the Christ.

December 16th - Two Advents

Discover the connection between Christ's birth and his second coming.

December 23rd - Two Worshipers

Join us for a close look at some of the first worshipers of the King - the shepherds and the wise men.

December 30th - Two Realities

The Kingdom of God is something we talk of often but can we describe it? One way of understanding the Kingdom is that it's an already, but not yet reality. We will dive into 2013 with a challenge to live out God's future Kingdom in the here and now.

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