

Advancing the Kingdom

Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' Luke 10:8-9

Jesus commissioned His disciples to demonstrate and declare the power and proximity of the kingdom of God. Every Christian is likewise commissioned and it is important to know that the phrase, *has come near to you*, refers to time and space. The Hebrew translation is “*kar VAH a-le-KEM*” which is an expression that denotes physical intimacy. When God manifests His power through a miracle of healing or a demon being cast out the kingdom is not just near; it is already present. Jesus told the Jews, *But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you* Matt 12:28. In essence He was saying, “God has taken charge here by His Spirit and that’s the kingdom”.