

# God's Kingdom Within Reach

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Questions to consider, discuss or journal.

1. The author highlights several passages from the gospels where Jesus talks about the kingdom in terms of: belief now, being close in proximity now, immediately located here and now, and what is needed to see and enter now. Have you considered this perspective?
2. In the face of injustices, death and pain, how can the Kingdom of God be present?
3. Jesus' teaching of a present kingdom has been forgotten and has fallen between the theological cracks. What else might have fallen between the theology cracks? How can you read or study the Bible in a new way?
4. How would the way you live your life now change if you considered yourself to be living in the domain, realm or rulership of God, now?
5. Repentance should always be a perpetual state of mind, not just an occasional act following bad behavior. We may repent when we understand new information and update our view or opinion on a topic, and then act accordingly. How does this compare with your prior understanding of repentance? What are the repercussions?
6. The kingdom that requires repentance in order to become at least close in proximity. What is it that we have to repent or change our minds from?
7. How does this new definition of repentance affect how we might approach the breaking bread and wine as we remember Jesus? Sunday mornings? Daily?
8. What can you do today to develop a practice of contemplation to remain aware of how our biases and ego surface? Is there space in your faith community to bring this practice to your congregation and support one another in our repentance?