

# Finding Your Place In The Kingdom Of God

## Introduction:

- A. What would it have been like to leave?
  - 1. What would it have taken to sacrifice?
  - 2. What would it have been like to finally return home?

B. *Daniel 7:9-14*

- C. Two great themes from last Sunday morning:

- 1. *"The time is fulfilled"*
- 2. *"The kingdom of God is at hand"*

## I. "There are some of those who are standing here..." (*Mark 8:27-9:1*)

- A. What is Jesus talking about?
  - 1. His ultimate coming at the end of the ages?
  - 2. His transfiguration?
  - 3. The destruction of Jerusalem?
  - 4. His death and resurrection?

B. *Revelation 5:1-10*

- C. His use of the word "power" may be a clue.
  - 1. His miracles (*Mark 6:2,5; 9:39*)
  - 2. His resurrection (*Mark 12:24; Rom. 1:4; 1 Cor. 6:14; Eph. 1:19-20; Phil. 3:10*)
  - 3. Coming of the Holy Spirit (*Luke 1:35; 4:14; 24:49; Acts 10:38; Rom. 15:13,19; Eph. 3:16*)
- D. What's the point? **Jesus is reigning!**

## II. How do the kingdom and the church relate?

- A. The church is made up of people who have placed themselves under the reign of God.
- B. The church is the present manifestation of the kingdom of God.

## III. The kingdom of God and the future

- A. There is still a glorious future to be realized.
- B. In the **present**, there is a calling, a clear definition of the kind of life expected by the King; in the **future**, glory awaits in the perfect heavenly kingdom for those who were willing to submit.

## Conclusion:

- A. What will it take to leave?
- B. What will it take to sacrifice?
- C. What will it be like to finally come home?