

MAKE UP: The Kingdom (Lord's Prayer) October 14th, 2009

True-or-False Questions

1. T or F God's kingdom is in the Middle East.
2. T or F In the kingdom of God the rich will be blessed and the poor will be sent away empty.
3. T or F Jesus compared God's kingdom to the Magic Kingdom.
4. T or F We participate in God's kingdom when we ask God to help us love our enemies.
5. T or F Martin Luther explained that we can see God's kingdom here on earth and we can expect to see it during the eternal life that God promised.

Multiple Choice Questions

God's realm is

- a. A way of life.
- b. A set of values.
- c. An identity.
- d. All of the above.

We can easily see the need for God's rule when we

- a. Watch the news.
- b. Confess our faults.
- c. Witness injustice.
- d. All of the above.

Jesus compared the kingdom of God to

- a. A seed.
- b. Yeast.
- c. Hidden treasure.
- d. A pearl of great price.
- e. All of the above.

Jesus said it was easier for a _____ to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter God's kingdom.

- a. Hippopotamus
- b. Slug
- c. Camel
- d. Jackalope

At times Christianity has imitated earthly kingdoms because Christians wanted

- a. Glamour.
- b. Power.
- c. Success.
- d. All of the above.

Open the Catechism

A *kingdom* is usually understood as a political or territorial place that is ruled by a powerful leader. Using the term loosely, we all live in a variety of *kingdom*.

How might a classroom be like a kingdom?

How might a sports team be like a kingdom?

When Martin Luther wrote the Small Catechism, he included a parable with his explanation of the Second Petition. Read Luke 15:8-10.

Who is like God in this parable?

Who is like the lost coin?

What does this parable tell us about God?

How does this parable help us understand the kingdom of God?

Find the Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer in the Small Catechism (*The Lutheran Handbook*, page 208). Compare Luther's answer to "What is this?" (*What does this mean?*) to his answer to the same question for the First Petition. How does God's kingdom differ from the other kingdoms in which we live? (Hint: Consider what it means to live in time and in eternity.)

Bible Connection

"You are invited to the kingdom". Look up the following passages and answer the question:

Matthew 5:3-11 Who does Jesus say will inherit the kingdom?

Matthew 19:24 Why might it be hard for a person with wealth to enter the kingdom of God?

Matthew 21:31 Who will inherit the kingdom?

Handbook Connection

Turn in *The Lutheran Handbook* to "The Three Most Rebellious Things Jesus Did" (page 156).

How do these actions of Jesus further demonstrate the kingdom?

Reflect on an image of Jesus as a rebel. What might Jesus be trying to show the disciples?

Closing Prayer

Help us remember the promise we make each time we pray the Lord's Prayer—to be partners with you in bringing in the kingdom. Thy kingdom come in our homes, our neighborhoods, our schools, our oceans, our churches, and our hearts. Amen