Lesson 3: Entering, Living, and Anticipating the Kingdom

Requirements, Experiences, and Eternal Hope in Jesus’ Teachings

# Key Scriptures

* Mark 10:14-15 (Childlike Faith)
* John 3:3-5 (New Birth)
* Luke 13:23-30 (Narrow Door)
* Matthew 12:28; Luke 4:18-21 (Kingdom in Action)
* Matthew 13:10-17; Luke 17:22-25 (Mystery & Rejection)
* Matthew 25:31-46; Matthew 26:29 (Fulfillment & Consummation)

# Topics

* Requirements for entering the Kingdom: repentance, new birth, childlike faith, commitment
* Kingdom in action: miracles, compassion, and justice as signs of the Kingdom
* The hidden and sometimes misunderstood nature of the Kingdom
* The hope of the Kingdom’s final fulfillment and Jesus’ vision for the future

# Discussion Questions

* What does it mean to receive the Kingdom like a child or be “born again”?
* How do Jesus’ miracles and actions reveal the priorities of the Kingdom?
* What hope does Jesus give about the future of the Kingdom?