

Thy Kingdom Come: Signs of the Kingdom

Reflect

1. We have all heard the saying, "Seeing is believing." What would you have to see in order to believe? (Bigfoot, Loch Ness Monster, Miracles, etc.)
2. What have you seen that was hard to believe?
3. What is something supernatural that you would like to see?

Read Your Bible

- Romans 1:20
- Matthew 11:1-15

Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. Our Romans text for this study is exceedingly rich. God has woven His invisible qualities into the very fabric of creation. Meaning that God's nature is revealed to us through creation. Where, how and in what have you had God reveal His self to you through creation?
2. The Romans text also comes with a warning that when looking at creation it should be clearly seen that there is a Creator, and that we have no excuses to say that there is no God. Is that how you understand this text?
3. "Actions speak louder than words" is a true statement and certainly what Jesus was alluding to in the Gospel text. What actions have you experienced from others that have revealed to you about their character?
4. What do your actions toward others tell them about your character?
5. Can someone see your faith in your actions?
6. Our faith is not about looking for proof, but it will always be a matter of faith. Faith comes first, and then there is evidence of faith. Faith transforms us, changes us from the inside out. In what areas of your life has faith changed you?

Conclusion

The greatest force in all of creation is God's love. It has the power to change us, transform us. God loves us beyond our wildest imagination. Out of this love, God gifts us with faith and faith begins to mess with us in wonderful, challenging ways. Faith is not only a matter of belief but a matter of action! If faith is really faith it is accompanied by action. If there is no action well then perhaps there is no faith either. When God moves there is evidence of His presence. It is rarely blatant or overt, and often takes faith to see it. It's what I like to refer to as "sneaky." It often takes me a while to realize it but then I see "Sneaky Jesus" has been up to something. Praise the Lord!

Pray

God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we thank You. Thank You for creation and how it reveals Your Divine Nature. Help me to see it. Give me the gift of faith and the eyes to see You at work so that it may lead me to action. May You find me of use for Your purposes and to Your glory. Amen!