

What is the Kingdom of God?

He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. (Acts 1:3)

For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ. (Acts 28:30-31)

How does King Jesus characterize His Kingdom?

18 Then Jesus asked, “What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to? 19 It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air perched in its branches.”

20 Again he asked, “What shall I compare the kingdom of God to? 21 It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough.”
Luke 13:18-21

5 Countercultural Characteristics of God’s Kingdom:

1. In the Kingdom of God, SMALL IS FORMIDABLE:

“It is like a mustard seed...”

2. In the Kingdom of God, AN UNINVESTED FAITH IS DESERTION:

“which a man took and planted in his garden...”

3. In the Kingdom of God, GRACE EXTENDS BEYOND THE GRACED

“...It grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air perched in its branches.”

4. In the Kingdom of God, STATUS IS IRRELEVANT:

“It is like yeast that a woman took...”

5. In the Kingdom of God, INFLUENCE IS VIRAL

“...and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough”