

So, once we have continued to teach new believers about Christ and who we are in Him, in the most personal sense, then we need to teach them who we are as participants in His kingdom and what is the place of the church, His bride and body in the kingdom.

First Christ, then His kingdom. Why?

Kingdom is the most explicit theme that is given all through Scripture.

Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand should come to mind.

Acts 1:1-4

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.³ To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

It is not our purpose this morning to present a detailed teaching of the kingdom, but we want to see the importance of this as part of the great commission's continue to teach aspect that we have been presenting. What are the first things to teach and then continue with from a biblical view.

Christ taught the kingdom of God, something that was true of his ministry on earth from the very beginning. Curious, isn't it. If you had 40 days with the disciples before leaving their physical presence, what topic would you choose? Would it have been "kingdom"? Christ reaches for the very essence of who he is and what he has accomplished. This subject of kingdom doesn't merely reach back to the early days of his ministry, or his cousin John the Baptist's for that matter: repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. No, this reaches back to the very Messianic nature of the Incarnation. This reaches back to the very earliest of those grand promises, and indeed back to the garden. The mandate given in the garden that had been forsaken in the fall was for man to have "dominion" over the earthly kingdom of God... and, as redemptive history unfolds beyond the garden, it isn't long before Joseph is having dreams about a "ruler" to which all the other heavenly bodies will bow, and Jacob is prophesying that a

scepter will come from Judah's line. These prophets know that there would come One who would re-establish the dominion abdicated by Adam. There would come One who would perfectly fulfill that dominion mandate.

And this Messianic Ruler, as redemptive history moves along, is then tied to David and Solomon... the House of David is promised a kingdom and a king whose rule and reign is FOREVER,

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." LK. 1:

But this isn't a throne that is merely handed to the Messiah. The heir to David's throne emerges as a champion for his people in a journey to secure and win His throne. Luke notes in Luke 4 that Christ's kingdom is at the heart of the devil's temptation. The devil offers Christ the kingdoms of the world; Christ resists the temptation, and later in the same chapter preaches another kingdom, a kingdom that is set over against all of the kingdoms of the world: the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, 43 but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." 44 (Luke 4:42-44).

Luke tells us that Christ went "through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God." And at other times Christ sent out the disciples to proclaim the kingdom of God. The preaching and teaching of the kingdom of God is mentioned 9 times in the book of Luke; the subject of king and kingdom is referenced another 31 times, meaning the gospel of Luke alone has more than 40 references to the kingdom of God; the kingdom is central to Luke's account of the Christ event.

This same author continues with the importance of kingdom all through the Book of Acts.

This emergence of a King and his kingdom continues in Acts. 7 times in Acts... almost

the same number of times as the gospel of Luke... the preaching and teaching of the kingdom is highlighted. In the opening verses of Acts 1, Christ preaches the kingdom in the 40-day interval between the resurrection and ascension. This will be the task of the disciples as the King ascends to and is exalted on his throne. And not only does Acts begin with Christ teaching the kingdom of God to his disciples, but the book ends with the same note... Paul is in a house in Rome, where (Acts 28:23ff) "... many came to him at his lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets... Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him." The book ends precisely where it began: the preaching and teaching of the kingdom of God.

Let's not make the mistake of thinking that because Christ is no longer visible on earth that He is no longer active on the earth or as some may be tempted to think, that Christ has given all responsibility to the Holy Spirit and now it is the Spirit's turn to work. Acts is primarily about Jesus Christ. This doesn't mean that this is not the age of the Spirit, for it indeed is that. But the Spirit has descended because Christ ascended and the Spirit is at work doing the work of Christ.

First, we must see Christ actively expanding His kingdom from His throne on high through His Spirit. How often have we heard Acts 1:8 preached as if it were an imperative? It is not. You **will be** my witnesses from Jerusalem to the end of the earth. It is a matter of fact.

Second, we must see ourselves as participants in the text and in so doing, see ourselves both as beneficiaries of Christ's work in expanding His kingdom from Jerusalem to Buffalo to Davao Philippines, and as participants in that mission.

Third, we must see ourselves as recipients of the great commission- the royal commission in preaching the kingdom.

So what might a bible study for the new believer look like that would emphasize Christ, our place in Christ and the kingdom we are a part of and are to work at expanding?

Lets take a hint from some of our teaching during this series.

First some teaching from Christ about who he is.

This brings to mind the great I am teachings of Jesus.

John 4:19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."20* The Jews then said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"21* But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

22* So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

Joh 6:35* Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.

Joh 6:51* "I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh."

Joh 7:28* Then Jesus cried out in the temple, teaching and saying, "You both know Me and know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know.

Joh 7:29* "I know Him, because I am from Him, and He sent Me."

Joh 8:12* Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

Joh 8:14* Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I testify about Myself, My testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from or where I am going.

Joh 8:16* "But even if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone in it, but I and the Father who sent Me.

Joh 8:18* "I am He who testifies about Myself, and the Father who sent Me testifies about Me."

Joh 8:23* And He was saying to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world.

Joh 8:24* "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

Joh 8:28* So Jesus said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.

Joh 8:43* "Why do you not understand what I am saying? It is because you cannot hear My word.

Joh 8:58* Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am."

Joh 9:5* "While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world."

Joh 9:9 Others were saying, "This is he," still others were saying, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the one."

Joh 10:7* So Jesus said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

Joh 10:9* "I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in

and out and find pasture.

Joh 10:11* "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

Joh 10:14* "I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me,

Joh 10:36* do you say of Him, whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?"

Joh 11:25* Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,

Joh 12:26* "If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

Joh 12:32* "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself."

Joh 13:13* "You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am.

Joh 13:33* "Little children, I am with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, now I also say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

Joh 14:3 "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

Joh 14:4* "And you know the way where I am going."

Joh 14:6* Jesus *said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

Joh 14:10* "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.

Joh 14:11* "Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.

Joh 14:20* "In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

Joh 15:1* "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

Joh 15:5* "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit,

Lu 22:20 And in the same way *He took* the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is **the new covenant** in My blood. This is the new covenant in my blood. (1 Corinthians 11)

Mt. 20:18* And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

19* "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

20* teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Rev.1:4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood--6 and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father--to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. 7 BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is

to come, the Almighty.”

Rev.1:16 In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.

17 When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last,

18 and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

Rev 4:8 ¶ And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME.”

Then what Jesus taught about himself on the road to Emmaus. OT Scriptures that relate to Him. This will help to build the bridge of a historical-redemptive approach to understanding Scripture.

Ge 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.”

Ge 12:3 And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

Ge 49:10 “The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

De 18:15 “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him.

Ps 2:2 The kings of the earth take their stand And the rulers take counsel together Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,

Ps 45:2 You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Your lips; Therefore God has blessed You forever.

Ps 68:18 You have ascended on high, You have led captive Your captives; You have received gifts among men, Even among the rebellious also, that the LORD God may dwell there.

Ps 69:21 They also gave me gall for my food And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

Ps 110:1 The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.”

Ps 118:22 The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief corner stone.

Ps 132:11 The LORD has sworn to David A truth from which He will not turn back: “Of the fruit of your body I will set upon your throne.

Isa 2:4 And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war.

Isa 7:14 “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

Isa 9:2 The people who walk in darkness Will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, The light will shine on them.

Isa 9:7 There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

Isa 11:10 Then in that day The nations will resort to the root of Jesse, Who will stand as a signal for the peoples; And His resting place will be glorious.

Isa 25:8 He will swallow up death for all time, And the Lord GOD will wipe tears away from all faces, And He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken.

Isa 28:16 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, A costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes in it will not be disturbed.

Isa 42:1 "Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations.

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Isa. 42:6 "I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I will also hold you by the hand and watch over you, And I will appoint you as a covenant to the people, As a light to the nations, 7 To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the dungeon And those who dwell in darkness from the prison.

Isa.49: 6 He says, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

7 ¶ Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and its Holy One, To the despised One, To the One abhorred by the nation, To the Servant of rulers, "Kings will see and arise, Princes will also bow down, Because of the LORD who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen You."8 Thus says the LORD, "In a favorable time I have answered You, And in a day of salvation I have helped You; And I will keep You and give You for a covenant of the people, To restore the land, to make them inherit the desolate heritages;9 Saying to those who are bound, 'Go forth,' To those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves.' Along the roads they will feed, And their pasture will be on all bare heights.

Isa 52:14 Just as many were astonished at you, My people, So His appearance was marred more than any man And His form more than the sons of men.

Isa 53:2 For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, And like a root out of parched ground; He has no stately form or majesty That we should look upon Him, Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.

Isa 55:3-4 3 "Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, According to the faithful mercies shown to David.4 "Behold, I have made him a witness to the peoples, A leader and commander for the peoples.

Isa 59:16 And He saw that there was no man, And was astonished that there was no one to intercede; Then His own arm brought salvation to Him, And His righteousness upheld Him.

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives And freedom to prisoners;

Isa 62:11 Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth, Say to the daughter of Zion, "Lo, your salvation comes; Behold His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him."

Isa 63:1 Who is this who comes from Edom, With garments of glowing colors from Bozrah, This One who is majestic in His apparel, Marching in the greatness of His strength? "It is I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save."

Jer 23:5 "Behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD, "When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land.

Eze 17:22 Thus says the Lord GOD, "I will also take a sprig from the lofty top of the

cedar and set it out; I will pluck from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one and I will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

Da 2:34 "You continued looking until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and crushed them.

Da 2:44 "In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.

Da 7:13 "I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him.

Da 9:25 "So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

Mic 5:2 "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity."

Hag 2:7 'I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the wealth of all nations, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD of hosts.

Zec 3:8 'Now listen, Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who are sitting in front of you--indeed they are men who are a symbol, for behold, I am going to bring in My servant the Branch.

Zec 6:12 "Then say to him, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Behold, a man whose name is Branch, for He will branch out from where He is; and He will build the temple of the LORD.

Zec 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zec 11:12 I said to them, "If it is good in your sight, give me my wages; but if not, never mind!" So they weighed out thirty shekels of silver as my wages.

Zec 12:10 "I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.

Zec 13:7 "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, And against the man, My Associate," Declares the LORD of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd that the sheep may be scattered; And I will turn My hand against the little ones.

Mal 3:1 "Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the LORD of hosts.

Then a study on what Jesus thought of the Scriptures (Include here what Jesus thought of the Scriptures from the Davao Conference.)

What Does Jesus Think of the Old Testament?

"Jesus drives us back to the Old Testament to examine it through Christian eyes, teaching that it leads us back to him. In doing biblical theology as Christians, we do not start at Genesis 1 and work our way forward until we discover where it is heading. Rather we first come to Christ, and he directs us to study the Old Testament in the light of the gospel. The gospel will interpret the Old Testament by showing us its goal and meaning." Graeme Goldsworthy, According to Plan, p. 55

Jesus' Teaching on the Old Testament

Jesus says the OT is the trustworthy word of God.

Jesus says the OT is historically reliable.

Most importantly, Jesus says the OT points to him.

Why Do We Trust the Bible? We trust the Bible because we trust what Jesus teaches about it.

Why Study the OT?

OT: About 75 percent of the Bible

Some say we shouldn't (Example: Marcion's heretical *Antithesis* denied any connection between the God of the OT and the God of the NT)

Matt. 5:17: *Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.*

We study the OT because Jesus and the NT writers say we should.

How Do We Interpret the Bible?

Jesus' teaching preserved in the teaching of the NT writers (This was Jesus' own plan: John 16:12; John 14:25, 26; John 15:26, 27; 16:12-15).

"[W]e have no Christ except the one whom the apostles have given to us. Jesus Himself left no treatises on doctrine. He left no written dialogues. We are dependent on the apostles for our whole knowledge of Him, and of what He taught. The portraiture of Jesus which has glorified the world's literature as well as blessed all ages and races with the revelation of a God-man come down from heaven to save the world, is limned by his followers' pencils alone. The record of that teaching which fell from His lips as living water, which if a man drink of it he shall never thirst again, is a record by His followers' pens alone. They have painted for us, of course, the Jesus that they knew, and as they knew Him. They have recorded for us the teachings that they heard, and as they heard them. Whatever untrustworthiness attaches to them as deliverers of doctrine must in some measure shake also our confidence in their report of what their Master was and taught." B.B. Warfield

1. Jesus says the OT is the trustworthy word of God.

Jesus believes that scripture is as trustworthy and free of error as its author, God himself. No one models obedience to God's Word more faithfully than Jesus.

Jesus submits to God's Word in:

Matt. 4: Meeting Satan by citing Deut. 6 and 8.

Matt. 26: Jesus, expecting betrayal, quotes Zech. 13:7

Luke 24:25: The resurrected Christ shows obedience to Scripture

2. Jesus teaches that the OT is a historically accurate record.

References to: Abel (Luke 11:51), Noah (Matt. 24:37-39; Luke 17:26,27), Abraham (John 8:56), the institution of circumcision (John 7:22; cf. Gen. 17:10-12; Lev. 12:3), Sodom and Gomorrah (Matt. 10:15, 11:23,24; Luke 10:12), Lot (Luke 17:28-32), Isaac and Jacob (Matt. 8:11; Luke 13:28), Moses (Matt. 22:24-32, Mark 7:10-13; 12:19-27), manna in the desert (John 6:31,49, 58), David as an author of the Psalms (Matt 22:43; Mark 12:36; Luke 20:42), Solomon (Matt. 6:29, 12:42; Luke 11:31, 12:27), Elijah (Luke 4:25,26,32), Elisha (Luke 4:27), Jonah (Matt. 12:39- 41; Luke 11:29,30,32), and Zechariah (Luke 11:51).

What Does This Mean for Us? 1 Cor. 10:11: The OT is the record of a real God who acts in history, and who made a record of events for us.

3. Jesus says the OT points to him.

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John 5:39, 40: *You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.* See also Luke 4:16-21, Luke 24:25-27, and Matt. 5:17, 18.

“It is, in other words, that all the law and all the prophets point to Him and will be fulfilled in Him down to the smallest detail. Everything that is in the law and the prophets culminates in Christ, and He is the fulfillment of them. It is the most stupendous claim that He ever made.” D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, on Matt. 5:17, 18

Then Christological passages in the NT of which we will sample some now.

John 1:1-17; I Jn 1:1-10; Col.1; Phil. 2-3; Eph. 3; Romans 5-8; Heb.1-9 (understanding picture fulfillment)

Christ as giver of grace in John’s Gospel

1. Total Depravity.

a John 1:1-5;b. John 3:18-21;c. John 3:27d.; John 5:39-42;e. John 8:34

2. “Unconditional Election.”

John 6:37;John 17:1-2;John 17:9-12

3. Christ’s death is for a particular people

John 10; John 11:49-52; John 15:13-14

4. “Irresistible Grace.”

John 1:12-13;John 3:3-8;John 5:24-25;John 6:44, 65.

5. “Perseverance of the Saints.”

John 6:39-40;John 17:24;John 8:31-32.

(Supplement that with Ephesians1-2) What Jesus NC prophets said about the same thing.)

Then an overview of SOM - A radical call to discipleship and the Christian ethic by understanding what Jesus fulfilled and how He continues to fulfill in His people: how the new covenant is different than the old and how we live as believers. 2 Cor.3, Gal 5;

We have stressed the importance of the SOM multiples of times. In light of our think tank next week we will have excellent resource material for this part of a guide for new believers.

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Then using Luke and Acts we can study the thrust of kingdom in a NC context.

We have sampled that teaching this morning.

Lukek has 24 chapters in all. Chapters 2,3,5,15, 20,24 mention kingdom. 18 chapters mention it - that is 57% of the chapters in Lk.

Then, study kingdom as a big picture from Genesis to Revelation as we studied three years ago. Give a summary here.

Have them read John, Matthew, Mark, Luke-Acts

With all of this we are presenting a solid historical redemptive overview of Christ from the Scripture.

We decided that a good approach is to look at Scriptures that Jesus would have shared with the men on the road to Emmaus.

If we teach these things we have been discussing first, then the rest of what should and could be taught will have a context that is easily grasped.

Every doctrine from atonement to theology proper, thinking alphabetically, will find its place in the context of Christ first, who He has made us to be and then the kingdom that we are a part of and are extending as the King's own.