

WELLSPRING

W O R S H I P C E N T E R

Kingdom of God Reflection Questions 11/20/2022

1. In light of Jesus' words that the kingdom of God is "not of this world," what did you think of the idea that things that are impossible in one dimension are simple in another higher dimension?
2. In Matthew 13:11, Jesus tells His disciples that they "have been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven." What did you think of the statement that the things of God's kingdom "have been hidden **for** us, not hidden **from** us," in the same way Easter eggs are hidden from children?
3. What do we mean when we say that the kingdom of God is not "rules- based" or "principles-based" but "presence-based"?
4. Regarding the thought that the kingdom of God includes unfathomable realities for us, how do you respond when you read verses in the Bible where the concepts and promises are so great that they seem other- worldly?
5. The first verse of the book of Ephesians begins with "Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus." The verse is revealing to us two different addresses for the believers there. One is "in Ephesus" and the other is "in Christ." Why is this significant?
6. Are you familiar with the phrase, "The Kingdom of God is already but not yet"? If so, have you ever allowed the "not yet" aspect of this phrase become a hiding place for unbelief?
7. What is the difference between being thankful "in everything" vs being thankful "for everything"?

8. What did you think of this quote: Many Christians, who are in the right place, doing the right job, married to the right person, in the right church feel outside of the will of God because they have ceased to be continually thankful.