What is the Kingdom of Heaven?

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Matthew 6:33 “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

The 5 Elements of a biblical “kingdom” (Scot McKnight)

1. There must be a **_____**.
2. The king must **_____**.
3. The king must rule a **_____**.
4. The people must live by an **_____**.
5. The people must live in a **_____**.

Defined: The Kingdom of Heaven is “wherever we see the _____ or the _____ of God.”

Genesis 12:1-3 “The Lord had said to Abram, ‘Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. 2 "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.[a] 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

We see three elements in this promise:

- God promises _____.
- God promises _____.
- God promises to _____ Abraham.

Exodus 19:5-6 “Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, 6 you[a] will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

1 Sam 8:7-9 “And the Lord told him (Samuel): ‘Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. 8 As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you 9 Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights.’”

The first thing Jesus calls people to do in his kingdom is _____.

Matthew 4:17 “From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Lesson 1: God wants us to leverage our _____ for the good of those in _____.

Luke 3:10-11 "What should we do then?" the crowd asked. John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."

Lesson 2: God wants us to simply do the _____ _____.

Luke 3: 12-13 Even tax collectors came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?" 13 "Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them.

Lesson 3: God wants us to be _____.

Luke 3:14 Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?" He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely—be content with your pay."

Philippians 4:12-13 “I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.