



*the way in is the way on*  
*Following Jesus into Joy*

# The Kingdom of God is...

*Your kingdom  
come, your will  
be done, on  
earth as it is in  
heaven.*

*(Matt 6:10)*

1. active rule/reign/order
2. coming near (imminent,  
personal, holistic)
3. received (yielded to)

## Luke 17:20-21 (KJV)

<sup>20</sup> And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

<sup>21</sup> Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

God's reign becomes active

on the inside

so we must follow Jesus in

# Romans 14

<sup>17</sup> For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, <sup>18</sup> because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval.

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# The Way In (Invitation)

As you go through your week, reflect with Jesus on how you view joy compared with righteousness and peace as an indication and priority of God's Kingdom.

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*(Romans 14:17)*