

## Are You Ready? Zanga Schutte, May 17, 2026

### God's Kingdom

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

**Introduction:** The world is full of kingdoms: kingdoms of money, power, fear, politics, and self. But above every earthly kingdom is **God's Kingdom** - eternal, unshakable, and full of power. Jesus did not come only to start a religion. **He came preaching the Kingdom.**

**Matthew 6:10 NIV** your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**1. The Kingdom has a King** - A kingdom cannot exist without a king.  
**Jesus is:** Savior, Lord, and King.

**Revelation 19:16 NIV** On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: **King of Kings and Lord of Lords.**  
The question is not: "Does Jesus exist?" The question is: Who is ruling your life?

**2. The Kingdom Must Be Entered** - Not everyone automatically walks in God's Kingdom.

Jesus said: **John 3:3 NIV** Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."  
**John 3:7b KJV** . . . Ye must be born again.

**God's Kingdom is entered through:** repentance, faith, surrender, and salvation.  
**God changes the heart before He changes the life.**

### 3. The Kingdom Changes People

When God rules in a person: bitterness turns to forgiveness, addiction loses power, fear becomes faith, darkness becomes light.

**2 Corinthians 5:17a KJV** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature . . .  
**God's Kingdom is not just talk – it produces transformation.**

### 4. The Kingdom Comes with Power

**1 Corinthians 4:20 NIV** For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.  
**God's Kingdom brings:** healing, deliverance, peace, authority, and freedom.

**John 8:36 NIV** So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.  
**Where the King (Jesus) is present, chains break.**

**5. Seek First the Kingdom** - Many people want God's blessings without God's rule, commandments, His Word...

**But Jesus said:** Matthew 6:33 NIV But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

John 14:6 NIV Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

**When God becomes first:** priorities change, families change, hearts change, lives change.

**Closing;** Every person belongs to a kingdom. The question is:

**Who is your King?** God's Kingdom is open today through Jesus Christ.

**Come into God's Kingdom** - Today, God is calling people into His Kingdom. Not religion — relationship. Not tradition — transformation. If you want Jesus to truly rule your life, today is your day." Here's a couple of key scriptures to enter into God's Kingdom...

Revelation 3:20 KJV Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Romans 10:9-10 NIV <sup>9</sup> if I confess with my mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in my heart that God raised him from the dead, i will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with my heart that I believe and are justified, and it is with my mouth that i profess my faith and are saved.

**In Jesus Name, Amen**