

Kingdom Evangelism verses Standard Evangelism

A Kingdom worldview causes Kingdom citizens to think differently. They operate with a Kingdom heart and mind, and are always wanting to work to expand the Kingdom rather than the church. As the church is part of the Kingdom, church expansion will not be excluded. They want to talk about the Kingdom, preach about the Kingdom and they earnestly want others to come into the Kingdom and share of its benefits. This radically changes the way they evangelise.

This all starts with the knowledge that as Kingdom sons we are heirs of Father's Kingdom, his entire empire. This is what Father determined before he created the world and us in it. This was what was in his heart and mind for us. It wasn't for us to get to heaven so we can worship him for eternity around his throne, as the theology is that is taken from the book of Revelation. It's grander and more functional than that.

Mike Bickle explains the difference with Kingdom-style evangelism, which we really need to start implementing. He said during one of his video teaching sessions:

“And the reason we need to know this is because our mandate is not to just call people to skip the Lake of Fire. We preach, “How would you like to escape Hell.”

“Yeah. I'd love to skip Hell. I don't really believe in Hell. I'm not worried about Hell. But, yeah, if it's real, I'd like to skip it.”

And that's a valid message. Jesus preached it. But there's a whole other side of the message.

“How would you like to relate to the King of Kings?”

([This] is the Father, and Jesus is the King of Kings as the Son. In 1 Timothy 6¹ it's the Father who's the King of Kings, but as a man, Jesus is the King of Kings over humans. So they both have the title, actually.)²

“How would you like to relate to the King of Kings, as his son, and as his son's bride, with all the dimensions of the supernatural world. And that you'd be blameless, which means you would voluntarily have the power to choose love. And to be close to him and govern – not just the Earth, but the whole created order – throughout eternity?”

“Wow! Sign me up! I'm in.”

We're not only telling them to skip Hell, we're inviting them into a dynamic relationship with God that releases the dignity of the rule of his whole eternal empire. This thing is fantastic. And everything we're doing in this Age, that's in righteousness, has continuity with the Age to Come.”³

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1 – 1 Timothy 6:13-16 (It doesn't infer this if you read the verses in the Amplified translation which gives fuller meaning to text.)

2 – Mike's parenthetical teaching inserted in his scenario for explanation purposes.

3 – Mike Bickle (unknown video teaching session)