

Easter to Pentecost: A Season of Prayer

Week 7: Thy Kingdom Come

Since on the one hand our prayers are calls to action, but on the other only God can bring about his Kingdom here on earth, how do we strike the right balance between prayer and action both as individuals and as a church?

Do we need to have a big picture of God's Kingdom here on earth? After all, we don't know what God's will is. Or do we just need to identify one small thing that we can do to make the world a better place?

I am reminded of Jesus' comments, 'the kingdom of God is like...'. All of these were small-scale and partial, all of them expressed in human terms; but all of them expressing something of God's expansive love and justice. I am also reminded of 1 Corinthians 13:12 'For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.' Maybe we can catch glimpses of the 'big picture' as we peer through the dark glass; but it is the small things and the individual encounters that we know we can take action with confidence that we are living within God's kingdom.