

Introduction

Let the little children come to me...there are no truths or values of the kingdom of God that can not be received and carried by children.

Question – Do we believe our children are as close if not closer to the Kingdom than us?

PART 1 – HERE COMES HEAVEN

Chapter 1: Heaven on Earth

God wants children to show his power, love and glory. Power happens when you know who your father is and how much he loves you; miracles happen when you discover you have His power and authority.

Question – Are we up for this journey, an exciting adventure for the rest of your life?

Chapter 2: A Royal Mission

Jesus did no miracles himself as the Son of God, but as a sinless person living very close to his heavenly Father in the knowledge of his need for the special power of God the Holy Spirit. Which means we can be and do the same – because through Jesus our sins are forgiven and we can once again take on the role he intended for us as rulers of the earth. We now have the keys, power and authority to share his peace, goodness, promises and love with others, and bring heaven to earth.

Question – Is your salvation a personal matter of sin forgiven, or also an appointment to rule?

Chapter 3: Turn around and see

The way Jesus came was a surprise to many. God's kingdom is right here, but we often don't see it. Faith is the eyes that help us see the Kingdom. We need a hungry heart to open our faith eyes, and a hunger for God's presence to change our attitudes – to be humble, merciful, pure, and peace-loving: all of which lead to more blessing (Mat. 5).

Question – are you hungry for God?

Chapter 4: Faith – the eyes of your heart

Faith is how you see and enjoy God's kingdom – what God is doing in Heaven. We learn to 'see' with our faith eyes when we worship God. The opposite of faith is unbelief – trusting what we can see, hear and feel more than what is in our hearts. Living by faith is knowing that what we see in heaven is more real than what we seen on earth – there is no sickness in heaven. The Holy Spirit will lead the way. Using your faith is like saying I trust and believe in you – Faith moves heaven to earth. Faith comes by hearing God, throughout the day.

Question – Have you learnt to worship in a way that opens your faith eyes to see heaven?

Chapter 5: Lightning from heaven

Prayer is powerful, by it we can let loose on earth answers that are already in heaven; it brings Heaven to earth. Worship brings us close to God. Heaven is filled with worship – should not earth be too? God lives in our praises. Most of prayer should be praising God.

Question – When have your prayers been a response to what your faith eyes see in God's heart?

Chapter 6: The kingdom and the spirit

Jesus came so our sins could be forgiven and so we could receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, which makes us 'greater' than any of the prophets. It is God's presence that makes impossible things possible – we just need to follow the Holy Spirit's lead. We need to get filled up every day.

Question – How do you feel about encouraging children to speak in tongues?

Chapter 7: Smearred with God

We need to be anointed or 'smearred' with the Holy Spirit, to have him 'on' as well as 'in' us if we are to bring heaven to others. The Holy Spirit 'leaks out' to others when: we know His presence with us, have God's compassion for people, are willing to do what He asks, and when we let the Father use us to do impossible things. God speaks to us all the time, mainly through the bible and the quiet voice of His Holy Spirit.

Question – Have you learned to know the sound of God's voice?

PART 2 – HEAVEN ON EARTH

Chapter 8: Show and tell

Jesus didn't just tell people what that kingdom of God is like, he showed them as well. When people saw the miracles, they understood what He was saying. God's kingdom is all about God's presence being seen and felt and about His power. Presence and power mean miracles. Heaven is ready to show people what the Kingdom is like every time you tell someone about it. We get proud if we just hear and grow in knowledge of the Kingdom – just knowing the bible is not enough, we need to see his presence and power too. The Holy Spirit helps us understand the bible and through it come closer to Jesus.

Question – do you feel your life lives up to your words or what you would say you believe?

Chapter 9: The work of the Father

Jesus came to do the Father's business – to do what he saw his Father doing, and to do what pleased him. By the Holy Spirit, we get to too, so that people see the Father's heart of love.

Question – When have you had a sense of the Father's business?

Chapter 10: Nice is not enough

We need a good character (honest, kind, trustworthy, etc), but that's not enough, being nice won't defeat evil or show people what God's kingdom is like. We need God's power and good character – we get these by obeying God. We don't need better character before we can show his power. By obeying the Holy Spirit's lead He will 'leak' on the *outside* to do a miracle, and help you on the *inside* to become more like Jesus. God wants us to be dangerous not just nice! We need to look to see what God is doing, listen to what God is saying and obey what the Holy Spirit wants us to do.

Question – Do you ever feel you're not 'nice' enough for God to show his power through you?

Chapter 11: Follow the signs

Signs and wonders bring revival and make people want more of God. They show people who he really is and precipitate a choice to move either closer to or further away from God; they give us and others courage, show God's glory, and help people praise and glorify God; they show who Jesus really is, open our hearts to hear God's voice, and show that God is with us.

Question – Are you following the signs: on an adventure with God led by his presence and power?

Chapter 12: Treasure for everyone

We draw courage from Jesus' promise to be with us always. When we carry God's presence with us it lets the Holy Spirit do powerful things. God wants us to share his presence with others, the 'smeared' Holy Spirit to 'rub off' on others. Angels are there to help.

Question – How do feel about God 'rubbing off' you onto others?

Chapter 13: Just like Jesus

Its really important for us to see Jesus as He is in heaven, because 1 John says we are like him – this is possible only by the Holy Spirit. We shouldn't look *in* at our weaknesses but *up* to God. He wants to give us Glory, Power, Victory and Holiness. When you show God's power, people see God's heart, when you show God's holiness they see God's beauty.

Question – Can you imagine what it would be like to be more like Jesus?

Chapter 14: Climbing mountains

As salt and light, we should change whatever is around us. Different areas of life are like mountains on which a king reigns, our job is to bring in God's kingdom to every mountain.

Question – On which mountain tops in your life does God not yet reign?