

Unit L2.6 For Christians, what kind of King is Jesus?



Enquiry Questions

- How does the concept of the 'Kingdom of God' fit into the timeline of the Bible's 'Big Story'?
- How is the concept of the 'Kingdom of God' shown in biblical texts?
- What are the different possible meanings and interpretations of some biblical texts?
- What are the connections between belief in the Kingdom of God and how Christians put their beliefs into practice in different ways?
- How do Christian teachings and beliefs about God's Kingdom relate to the issues, problems and opportunities of our lives and those of our community?

What will I know by the end of the unit?

• Jesus told many parables about the Kingdom of God. These suggest that God's rule has begun, through the life, teaching and example of Jesus, and subsequently through the lives of Christians who live in obedience to God.

The Kingdom of God is like	wheat and tares	lamp	mustard seed
leaven	hidden treasure	costly pearl	dragnet

- The parables suggest that there will be a future Kingdom, where God's reign will be complete.
- The Kingdom is compared to a feast where all are invited to join in. Not everyone chooses to do so.
- Many Christians try to extend the Kingdom of God by challenging unjust social structures in their locality and in the world.

Key Vocabulary

Christianity, Christian, belief, God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, Bible, parable, meaning, interpretation, Kingdom, reign