

THE CHURCH & THE KINGDOM PART 6 - The Invasion of the Kingdom

Small Group Notes

Since Jesus first came to this earth, there has been an ongoing invasion. The kingdom of God has slowly but surely invaded the kingdoms of this world, but not without great resistance....not without bloodshed....not without a tremendous struggle against the kingdom of darkness. After this fierce struggle, and through much tribulation, the kingdom of God will eventually rule the world with Jesus as it's king...right here on planet earth!

- **The beginning was small:** *Luke 8:1 Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him.*
- **How it will be in the end:** *Rev 5:13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"*

It has been said that when the first Allied soldiers set foot on the beaches of Normandy the defeat of Nazi Germany was set into motion.

Can you name some things did Jesus to set in motion the final defeat of Satan's kingdom?

Of the things we named, how has one of them affected you personally?

In 1940, the Battle of Dunkirk led to a miraculous rescue of over 300,000 stranded soldiers. All shapes, sizes and manners of Boats from all over the British Isles came to rescue these stranded soldiers from the advancing Nazi troops. This operation was very different than the D-day invasion. Today, there are "Dunkirk" Christians and there are "D-day" Christians.

Using these stories as a type of spiritual warfare, what is a "Dunkirk" Christian, and what is a "D-day" Christian?

Which one do you think most accurately describes you? Would you have answered that question differently at another point in your life? What changed you?

John 17:15-18 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

Why does Jesus "send us into the world"? How do you represent Jesus in what you consider your world?

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