

What is the Future?

When the Apostle John was exiled on the island of Patmos, he was going through a hard time. He had been pushed out because of his faith, cut off, and under pressure. In that place, God gave him a vision.

‘Look! God’s dwelling-place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death” or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’ (Revelation 21:3-4)

John saw a future where God comes close to His people again. Not distant, not hidden—but right there with them. He saw a day when suffering would end, where tears would be wiped away, and where death and pain would no longer have the final word. Everything broken would be made new. This is where everything is heading.

But this isn’t just something far off. Jesus teaches us to pray that God’s Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. That means the future John saw is not only a promise—it is also a direction. It is the future we are moving towards, and the future we are invited to begin living now.

So the question is not just what will happen one day, but what is beginning to happen here—in your village, on your street, among the people you already know.

Our role is to make that future visible. We do this by knowing Jesus ourselves and helping others to see Him. We also show what His Kingdom is like in real and practical ways—bringing care where there is pain, presence where there is loneliness, and help where there is need.

This is how the Kingdom comes among us—through people who live it out in everyday life.

And to do this well, we need to grow in a few key areas: learning to work together, using the right tools, going to the right places, and trusting the right support.

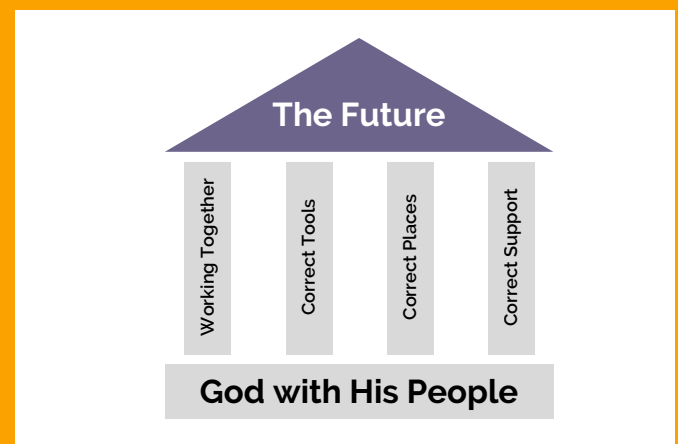
Pray that:

- 1) God’s Kingdom will come on earth as it is in heaven.
- 2) God will show you ways in which to partner with him in telling and showing people about his Kingdom.

Put it into Action:

Having prayed, you can bring people together and show the love and value of the Kingdom of God to everyone. This means both telling people about Jesus and helping them experience His love in practical ways.

Look for opportunities to share your faith, care for those in need, and stand alongside people in your village. You might spend time with someone who is alone, help meet a practical need, or share the message of Jesus with someone who doesn’t know Him yet.



A man heard a knock on his door. He ignored it. Another knock. He ignored it again. A third knock — this time he answered. Three people stood there. One said, "We came to tell you that God loves you." The man was astounded, and invited them in to show them what he'd been about to do. Feeling alone and without hope, he had been about to end his life. He learned these people were part of a Life Group, and that God had sent them to encourage others. His life was saved, and he joined the Life Group, finding community and hope.*

Maybe you're asking:

What difference can we make to the future?

In the same way that planting a seed can result in a tall tree, a small action now, can have a big impact in the future.

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