

3. How does this Kingdom actually arrive?

- **Slowly by means of the permeation of culture**
Matt. 13: 31-33; I Cor. 15:58

- **By increasing the body of Christ Matt 16:18**

- **By the Power of the Word and Spirit Col. 3:15**

- **Accompanying demise of Satan's Kingdom**
I Jn 3: 8; Zech 4:6

- **By our Prayers**

Closing Thoughts

Questions for Conversation and Reflection

- 1. How often do you pray that Christ's Kingdom would advance on this earth outside of praying the Lord's Prayer? Do you think our prayers give some indication of our true beliefs? Why would we desire something...believe that God can and wants to give it....and not ask Him for it?**
- 2. How does Christ's Kingdom advance in your family life? Your vocation? Your church? Your recreations? Your retirements? Your education?**
- 3. Is there a danger in the institutional church increasing in numbers but not in personal Christ-likeness? What might this danger be? Is it possible to increase in numbers as well as increasing in Christ-likeness?**
- 4. How do you answer people who believe that God's Kingdom is reserved for a future state only and that we presently live in a time of inevitable defeat? If we are not to expect Christ's Kingdom to be an option in our current life, how should we view the Sermon on the Mount?**