

Luke 4:16-21; Acts 6:1-7

- I. Jesus' Ministry: Kingdom Words and kingdom Works
  - A. We tend to think that the effects of salvation are purely "spiritual"
  - B. "Good news to the poor" (Luke 4:16-21; Isaiah 61:1-4; Leviticus 25:10-12)
  - C. The announcement of the kingdom of God (Matthew 4:23; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 8:40-56; 9:10-17)
  - D. Jesus preaches the kingdom as a feast for the poor (Luke 14:12-24; 24)
  
- II. The Church's Ministry: Carrying on Jesus' Words and Works
  - A. During Jesus' ministry (Luke 9:1-6; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20)
  - B. "Greater works than these" (John 14:12)
  - C. The testimony of Acts (Mark 5:41; Acts 9:40)
  - D. Non-miraculous kingdom works (Acts 2, 4; 6:1-7)
  - E. Outside of Jerusalem (Acts 11:27-30; Galatians 2:10; 1 Corinthians 16:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15)
  
- III. Objections to Doing Kingdom Works
  - A. "That's for liberals"
  - B. "It's the government's job" (Genesis 41:53; Psalm 72:12; Daniel 4:27)
  - C. "The poor have gotten themselves into this mess"
  - D. "It's impossibly large" (1 Timothy 5:8; Galatians 6:10)
  
- IV. Doing Kingdom Works
  - A. Practical priority (Galatians 6:10)
  - B. Our task: meeting pressing needs (Titus 3:12-14; James 1:27)
  - C. Our general goal: equality (2 Corinthians 8:13-15; Acts 4:32-35)
  - D. Our particular goal: everyone works (Ephesians 4:28; 2 Thessalonians 3:6, 10-12; 1 Timothy 5:5-6)
  - E. Proactive mercy ministry
  - F. Expect works to lead to opportunities—and trouble

- V. Why does the church carry on Jesus' word and works?
  - A. Not just because Jesus is a great example!
  - B. The things he did, he did for us (2 Corinthians 8:7-9; 9:15)
  - C. We do the works he did, because he first did them for us.