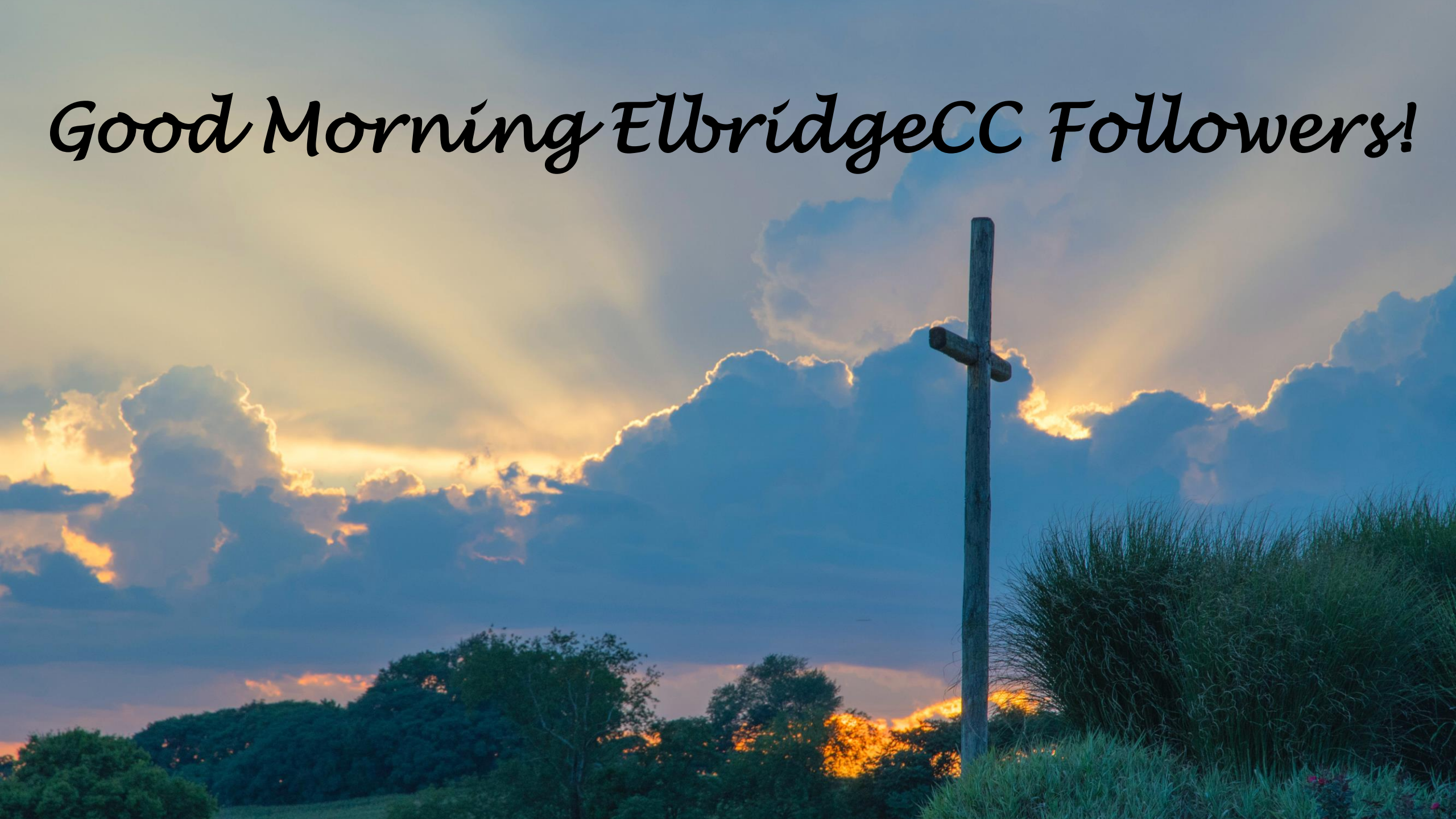


Good Morning ElbridgeCC Followers!



KINGDOM

Luke 17:20-21

KINGDOM TALK

Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, Here it is, or There it is, because the kingdom of God is within you.

Luke 17:20-21 (NIV)

EVIDENCE OF KINGDOM PRESENCE

But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you. Luke 11:20 (NIV)

But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. Matt 12:28 (NIV)

JESUS' CLAIM

So Pilate asked Jesus, Are you the king of the Jews? Yes, it is as you say, Jesus replied. Luke 23:3 (NIV)

Jesus said, My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."

John 18:36 (NIV)

PHARISEES DON'T UNDERSTAND

He Jews didn't think Messiah would come to establish a spiritual kingdom. They were solely looking for an earthly kingdom.

The Pharisees came and began to question Jesus. To test him, they asked him for a sign from heaven.

Mark 8:11 (NIV)

The Pharisees were always testing Jesus, asking for signs and trying to trap Him.

MAYBE WE STRUGGLE AS WELL

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor? Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him? For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen. Romans 11:33-36 (NIV)

In America we have little understanding of Kingship.

SOVEREIGN POWER

David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

1 Chron 29:10-11 (NIV)

SUPREME AUTHORITY

Remember this, fix it in mind, take it to heart, you rebels. Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. Isaiah 46:8-10 (NIV)

TWO KINGDOMS

Material Kingdom

The LORD is King for ever and ever; the nations will perish from his land.

Psalms 10:16 (NIV)

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever.

Psalms 29:10 (NIV)

ALL THINGS CREATED

The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. Psalms 103:19 (NIV)

All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you. They will tell of the glory of your kingdom speak of your might,
Psalms 145:10-11 (NIV)

AUTHORITY OVER HIS CREATION

For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Col 1:16-17 (NIV)

REBELLION

The material kingdom is in a constant state of rebellion. Satan and the demon's rebel to thwart the plans of God. They are joined by unfaithful mankind. This Kingdom is cursed by God.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. 2 Peter 3:10 (NIV)

SPIRITUAL KINGDOM

The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, Here it is, or There it is, because the kingdom of God is within you. Luke 17:20-21 (NIV)

ESTABLISH HIS KINGDOM IN THE HEART

Jesus said, My kingdom is not of this world. John 18:36
I will pour out my Spirit on all people. your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. Joel 2:28-29 (NIV)

WHAT IS THE KINGDOM LIKE

Then Jesus asked, What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to? It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air perched in its branches. Luke 13:18-19 (NIV)

KEYS GIVEN

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Matt 16:19 (NIV)

The Kingdom authority given to the church, including the opportunity to bring people to the Kingdom of Heaven by presenting them with the message of salvation found in God's word.

KINGDOM GIVEN

Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Luke 12:32 (NIV)

THE KINGDOM GROWS

Again Jesus said, Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you. And with that he breathed on them and said, Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven. John 20:21-23 (NIV)

KINGDOM DWELLERS

For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household.

Eph 2:18-19 (NIV)

THE MERGE

At His first coming Jesus established the Spiritual Kingdom of God. At His second coming He will reunite the material kingdom with the spiritual kingdom. There will be a new Heaven and a new earth, both kingdoms merged into one. Just like He originally created them.

The LORD will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and his name the only name. Zech 14:9 (NIV)

God Bless you throughout this week!

