

# Navigator Staff Conference

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## I. Introduction.

## II. Outline and discussion.

A. The outline is a framework for discussion.

B. The fundamentals of the Navigator ministry.

C. Identity.

1. Kingdom.

2. Church and churches.

3. Specialized functions.

D. Approach.

1. Only two topics not up for discussion: the Person of Jesus Christ and Scripture as the final authority.

## III. Side issues.

A. Universal city - a discussion group project.

B. The use of the New International Version. (1 Thessalonians 1:3)

## IV. Identity of the Navigators.

A. Are they valid?

1. The general category is narrowed down to aim.

2. There are many opinions from no - it is not outlined in Scripture, yes - it is modeled in Scripture, and yes - it is not prohibited in Scripture.

3. Three key issues:

a. The Kingdom.

b. The Church and churches.

c. The Great Commission.

B. Who are they?

## V. The Kingdom.

- A. Spiritual growth is not determined by a certain level of understanding of the Kingdom.
- B. The sovereign rule of God has to do with everything, but the Kingdom has to do with redeemed men.
- C. Jesus and Paul preached the kingdom. (Acts 28:23, Acts 14:22)
- D. It had its roots in the Old Testament - we are a chosen generation. (Exodus 19:4-6, 1 Peter 2:9, Psalm 2, Acts 4)
- E. Summary of the Kingdom - thy God reigns. This is the anchor point of our lives. (Isaiah 52:7)
- F. The Kingdom is worth any price. (Matthew 15:44-45)
- G. The Kingdom is the extension of God, the saving rule of God, etc. (1 Corinthians 15:24-28, 1 Thessalonians 2:12)
- H. The character of the Kingdom
  - a. It is hidden.
  - b. It has to do with the establishing of the rule of God over man.
  - c. It involves conflict that requires courage.
  - d. It is primarily spiritual and not territorial. (John 18)
  - e. There is change in creation that has to do with this subject.
  - f. It is centered in the Person and work of Jesus. (Colossians 1:15)
  - g. It is unshakable with an unchangeable king. (Hebrews 12:28)
  - h. It is a mystery that the king lives in His subjects. (Colossians 1)
- I. How it works.
  - a. It is always coming.
  - b. Men do not build it.
  - c. There will be a future fulfillment.
  - d. It works from within and is unseen.
  - e. It is entered by being born again. (John 13:3-5)
  - f. Being saved and born again are the same.

J. Significance to the ministry.

- a. It is the beginning point.
- b. Its Lord is over everything.
- c. It broadens the ministry's vision. (Matthew 16:19)

**Application questions**

1. What in your own words is the Kingdom of God?

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2. What bearing does the Kingdom have upon ministry?

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3. How does an understanding of the Kingdom change how you view ministry? Explain.

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