

Series: A Man's Guide to the Bible

The Message—

The Good News of the Kingdom of God

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- 1. How has God been breaking you down?
- 2. This week's perspective is that the Bible is "the sole repository of the gospel of the kingdom, God's message of love for a broken generation, in one sense "already" through the atoning sacrifice of Christ, in another sense "not yet," and so we groan until our Father again sends Jesus, next time to gather us, his much loved sons, into his eternal kingdom, a new heaven and new earth where there will be no more tears, no pain, no mourning, no death—only joy." How does this perspective help you today?
- 3. How does the "already/not yet" distinction help you better understand the gospel (e.g., why we have special moments when we experience the power and presence of God, why we can feel so crummy so much of the time)? How can you spread this wonderful news to a) nonbelievers you know and/or b) your defeated believer friends?

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Note-Taking Outline

The Big Idea: The Message -The Good News of the Kingdom of God