

Over the week, in the community in which you live, work etc, journal what Kingdom signs you think you recognise – “what am I [are we] noticing and experiencing that makes me/us wonder if God is at work?”

(Other questions that help us get to the heart of recognizing signs of the Kingdom include: “how am I touched by this experience – what is its effect on me / us?” “What am experiencing and thinking as I reflect on what I am seeing, tasting, ‘smelling’, hearing, and feeling?”)

Once a week, pause. Bring what you have written into prayerful conversation with the following questions (originally conceived by Rowan Williams).

(a) Are we noticing any connections between what you are seeing and experiencing and the “signs” of the Kingdom in the Bible? Is there the sense that what we are seeing and experiencing resonates with the kind of life Christ lived and you imagine him continuing to live? Is Christ being ‘formed’ in that place?

(b) Are we seeing evidence of God ‘coming through’?

(c) Are we seeing evidence of God’s healing, forgiving, reconciling, and creating work to go on? Is there evidence of God’s desire for *shalom*.¹

¹ Taken from Paul Fromont, ““God’s Kingdom is Right on Your Doorstep” – A Tentative Possibility for Mission-Shaped Discernment in Conversation with Luke 10:1-12,” July 2007. Adapted for use in Missional Church Leadership Course, by Steve Taylor.