

**Vision is looking out behind what is and seeing the possibilities.**

“The Church is essentially ‘en route’, on a journey, a pilgrimage. A Church which pitches its tents without looking out constantly for new horizons, which does not continually strike camp, is being untrue to its calling.” (Hans Kung)

You could say that Jesus had a vision, and it was same year after year...to bring about God’s Kingdom on earth. Cornerstone’s vision for 2025 is not something we create out of thin air—it’s a reflection of Jesus’ vision that He left His church to accomplish. Just as the mirror reflects light, we want to reflect the character and priorities of Christ. As we live out His Kingdom principles it transforms individuals and communities.

**LET’S BRIEFLY LOOK AT 10 CHARACTERISTICS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

**#1 It’s Everlasting**

Psalm 145:13, *Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, & your dominion endures...*

**#2 It’s Here Now**

Luke 17:21, *The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, nor will people say, Here it is, or There it is, because the kingdom of God is in your midst.*

**#3 It’s Amazing**

Romans 14:17-18, *the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating & drinking, but of righteousness, peace & joy in the Holy Spirit, because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God & receives human approval.*

**#4 It Has Requirements**

Matthew 5:20, *unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees...you will certainly not enter the kingdom*  
1 Corinthians 6:9-10, *do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.*

**#5 It’s Received in Humility**

Mark 1:14-15, *... ‘The kingdom of God has come near. Repent & believe the good news!’*  
Matthew 5:3, *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

**#6 It’s Marked by Power**

1 Corinthians 4:20, *For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power*

**#7 It Should Be Prayed For**

Matthew 6:9-10, *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth...*

**#8 It Should be Prioritized**

Matthew 6:33, *seek first his kingdom & righteousness, & all these things will be given to you as well.*

**#9 It Will Be Fully Realized**

Revelation 11:15, *...The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah...*

**#10 It’s All Grace**

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

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*Hebrews 12:28, Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.*