



THE KINGDOM LEAGUE TEACHING

A study of God's name is very insightful as it reveals many important aspects of His character and covenantal provision for His people. It is the same with this ministry. The name "Kingdom League International" (KLI) is full of vision and it provides insight into its purpose, form, and values as well. To help mine the full meaning of this name I'm going to use a familiar teaching method to help us understand the depth of meaning found in this name by answering the questions posed by who, what, where, when, why and how.

This teaching is introductory. The depth of each single topic could easily take the rest of our lives to fully comprehend all that our Lord intends to reveal by His spirit. It is my sincerest desire for us to be established in "present truth" (2 Pet. 1:12). Therefore, this article will focus primarily on the unique kingdom expressions that we expect KLI members (those who have strategically aligned with KLI) to demonstrate in word and in action.

KINGDOM

The "kingdom" identifies the objective and answers "what" is our message. In Revelation 1:6 and 5:10 we find that we are to serve as kings and priests to our God and Father and we are to reign on this earth as Jesus did. This requires an understanding of a kingdom, responsibility, authority, jurisdictions, dominion and the role of kings. That rule and reign begin within our personal lives and extends to every area for which we have responsibility for.

Romans 14:17

for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. NKJV

Luke 17:21

nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you." NKJV

Matthew 4:17

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." NKJV

Like Jesus we the Church are called to preach and demonstrate His gospel of the kingdom. King Jesus is the key to salvation and the following scriptures answer “when” and “why” this gospel of the kingdom is to be preached.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. NKJV

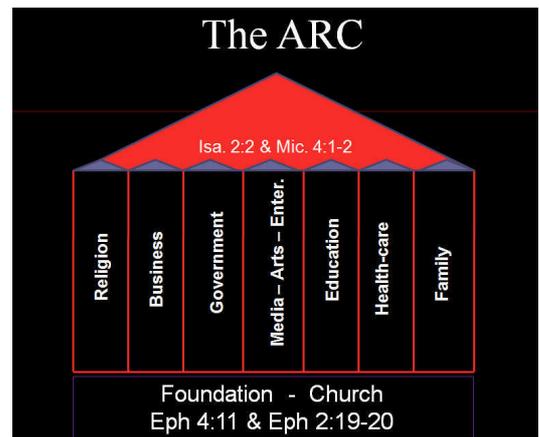
2 Corinthians 6:2

For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. NKJV

INTERNATIONAL

Since international is well understood I’m going to deal with this term next. “International” means between two or more nations. This word identifies the scope or target area for the message. It answers “where and who” is the message to be demonstrated to.

Within each nation or people group there are different spheres of society. There is religion, family, civil government, business, media (arts, entertainment, etc), education and healthcare. God has called people into every sphere of society who will deliver His gospel of the kingdom in word and in deed.



Ecclesiastes teaches us that two are better than one. Our individual efforts are far more effective if those efforts are made as part of a team who is part of a team of teams working together. In Christ individual destiny cannot be separated from corporate destiny. The sooner we embrace kingdom minded people and churches in cities and regions the more effective we will all become in fulfilling our destiny and transforming society through the presentation of the gospel of the kingdom.

Matthew 24:14

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. NKJV

LEAGUE

The word “league” is a powerful concept that addresses “who “ is supposed to present the gospel of the kingdom and “how” that message is to be demonstrated. It is essential to effective teamwork , mobilizing the army of the Lord, and connecting many different members as one body in Christ. League is like the ligament that holds bones together. This word is an important distinctive in Kingdom League International (KLI). League is simply another word for covenant.

Before we look at the biblical use of the word we translate as covenant or league I want to look at the use of this word today. It will provide analogies that help us understand more fully what our Lord is doing as KLI is to be a team of teams. It is to be like Israel which was one nation made up of 12 tribes scattered across different regions and cities. We’ll start with sports. There are numerous sports where a league has been formed. There are football leagues, basketball leagues, baseball leagues, etc.

The following diagram illustrates teams representing the National Football League (NFL).

Each team represents a city. Each team has the same positions and agrees to play with other teams in the same league using the same set of values, standards and rules. They are self supporting, self sustaining, and self governing while at the same time they are interdependent. No team could exist alone much less thrive. Each team has also agreed to abide by the decisions of an NFL commission who govern how the values, standards and rules of the league are applied.



The League of Nations is another modern example. I will take the liberty to **bold** key words in the following description. Wikipedia http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/League_of_Nations states that “The **League of Nations**” (**LON**) was **an intergovernmental organization** founded as a result of the Paris Peace Conference that ended World War I, and was the precursor to the **United Nations**. The League was the first permanent international **security organization whose principal mission was** to maintain world peace. At its greatest extent from 28 September 1934 to 23 February 1935, it had 58 members. The League's **primary goals**, as stated in its **Covenant**, included preventing **war** through collective security, disarmament, and settling international disputes through negotiation and arbitration. Other issues in this and related treaties included labour conditions, just treatment of native inhabitants, trafficking in persons and drugs, arms trade, global health, prisoners of war, and protection of minorities in Europe. The League of Nations lasted until 1946. At its zenith there were 58 member nations.

The League of Nations had a covenant describing its primary purpose and goals. It was a governmental, actually, an inter-governmental organization that sought to deal with war, peace and effecting different areas of society they wanted to transform for the good of the world. Their goals were noble and actually reflect many aspects of the kingdom. For example, they sought to deal with war and make judgments (decisions) that would serve and bless people. We find these elements in Psalm 72 and in Revelation 19:11 which display part of the role of kings.

*Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness **He judges and makes war.** NKJV*

The League of Nations was a noble attempt that ended in 1946 and led to the United Nations. Noble kingdom minded goals attempted apart from God's principles and word will not yield long lasting fruit that remains. KLI seeks to discover those kingdom minded people who want to not only preach noble goals but live the gospel of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ so that we expand the kingdom of Christ on earth as it is in heaven and occupy what we take long term.

Matthew 6:9-10

..... Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. NKJV

Luke 19:13

..... and said unto them, Occupy till I come. KJV

These two examples (the NFL and League of Nations) combined with what God's word teaches about covenant and the history of Israel provide a powerful vision for the new wineskin God is building today. This wineskin KLI models is not a new wineskin, but an ancient pattern established in God's word being re-presented in the world today.

COVENANT & LEAGUE

Genesis 6:13-18 provide the context for the first use of the word most often translated covenant in the bible. Because of the wickedness of mankind judgment was coming upon the earth. But Noah was righteous therefore God warned him and gave him a plan to save his family and mankind. After God gave Noah a plan to build an ark, God made a covenant with him.

Genesis 6:18

But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark — you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. NKJV

Covenant comes from the Hebrew word “beriyth” Strongs OT 1285 which means (in the sense of cutting [like OT:1254]); a compact (because made by passing between pieces of flesh): -confederacy, [con-] feder [-ate], covenant and league. So league is simply another word for covenant.

A covenant or league is like the ligament that holds the bones of a body together. It is the substance that holds people or people groups together when war arises are things get tough.

It was war for a family member that led to Abram to mobilize his trained servants and several allies. Their actions saved not only Lot and his family but delivered other cities from the oppressive kings listed in Genesis 14. This is the first place that the tithe and Melchizedek the king of Salem and the priest of the Most High God is introduced. It is significant that the first mention of the tithe was introduced in the context of war and preceded the next covenant God made with Abram in Genesis 15. In these two chapters we find that the tithe is associated with worship and war and also served as one of the signs of covenant along with the offering.

God went on to make covenants with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and ultimately Israel which was composed of 12 tribes. All of these covenants were consummated in and through Jesus Christ. A study of the elements of covenant as well as the type and shadow illustrated through Israel and the 12 tribes will give us important insight into the characteristics the Lord desires to seem demonstrated today through church’s and ministry’s connected together today in a kingdom league.

By looking at “beriyth” and its use in scripture we learn about the elements of covenant and league. The word translated covenant in the following scriptures is the same Hebrew word and can correctly be translated as league.

There are Benefits – Safety & Multiplication

Genesis 6:18

But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark — you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. NKJV

Genesis 17:2

And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." NKJV

There are Signs of Covenant that Involve an Exchange

Genesis 9:17

And God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth." NKJV

1 Samuel 18:3-4

Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle. KJV

There is an Oath & Consequences

Ezekiel 17:13-15

he took the king's offspring, made a covenant with him, and put him under oath. He also took away the mighty of the land, that the kingdom might be brought low and not lift itself up, but that by keeping his covenant it might stand. But he rebelled against him by sending his ambassadors to Egypt, that they might give him horses and many people. Will he prosper? Will he who does such things escape? Can he break a covenant and still be delivered? NKJV

Covenant is to be Written

2 Kings 23:3

Then the king stood by a pillar and made a covenant before the Lord, to follow the Lord and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people took a stand for the covenant. NKJV

Covenant is Based upon Relationship

1 Samuel 18:3

Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. NKJV

John 15:13

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. NKJV

There are five major elements of a covenant or a league. It is written, there is an oath, and there are benefits for keeping covenant and consequences for breaking covenant. Finally, there are signs of the covenant.

The covenant God made with Abraham was a relationship tied to a common vision or purpose which was also generational. It extended through his family. Jacob became Israel who had 12 sons. These sons had families and each family became a family of families or a

tribe. Each tribe was unique and had its own distinctive skills, cities, territory, colors, symbols, flags (standards) and purpose. All the tribes would come together as a nation for two reasons; for worship and for war. An attack on one tribe was an attack on the nation and they came together as a nation to worship the Lord in Jerusalem three times a year during the feasts of Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles.

The Old Testament provides a powerful type and shadow for the new. King David served his generation as a king, priest and a prophet. He prophesied through His life pointing to Jesus who is the King of Kings and the Firstborn of many brethren who are called to be kings and priests as well.

Every reformation in scripture followed King David's pattern. I believe the Church is in a kingdom reformation. During his reign the borders of Israel were expanded to the greatest its ever known and he set his son Solomon and the nation of Israel up to reign and prosper in peace.

TIM'S VISION

With these concepts and biblical truths in mind I see God mobilizing a people as His Church, His Ekklesia, His called out ones. The Lord used several visions since 2006 to impart this vision found in KLI.

First, there is the vision for a united body functioning as described in Ezekiel 37 and 1 Corinthians 12. I see one body, many members, each part doing their share edifying the whole who is mobilized as an army to project power to enforce the will of King Jesus.

Second, there is pattern King David set in the nation of Israel and her 12 tribes and the 12 legions of angels Jesus could call upon. I see God raising up 12 tribes, 12 columns, 12 families, 12 armies that reflect the types of people called to the 7 spheres of society and the 5 fold ministry. I see this church by church, city by city, region by region and nation by nation.

Under King David's reign we see the borders of the kingdom expanded to the greatest extent in history. The first two things King David did to begin to build the kingdom was to form councils representing all the leaders to glean their wisdom. His second decision as king was to make a place for God's presence through 24/7 prayer, praise and worship on Mount Zion in the City of David. I believe he did this because he knew that His Lord was the Spirit of wisdom, council and understanding and David wanted the council of His God in the presence of his leaders councils.

Third, the Lord impressed upon me the number 12. Twelve is the number for government. Through Operation Rolling Thunder we have been helping the Church in cities form councils representing the 7 spheres of society. One of those spheres is religion and the Church is called to directly address that. The Church has 5 gifts that Jesus gave to help the Church. Proverbs 24:3-6 teaches us that councils are used to wage war and to build. It is a tool of kings. The major emphasis and role in a kingdom is to set up the government to

administer the king's will in the king's domain. Therefore I see God gathering leaders to form councils in all 7 spheres of society along with councils representing the 5 fold ministry. I see these 12 councils formed within the boundaries or jurisdictions going from the local church, to the Church in a city, to the Church in a region (ie. county, province, parish), to the Church in a state or nation. The key is to gather the leaders and discover and honor the gifts God had given in each geography and work together to discover God's wisdom and strategy for prayer followed by and with strategic action. The following scriptures along with the vision the Lord gave me of the knights of the round table will help complete the vision.

Numbers 31:5

So there were recruited from the divisions of Israel one thousand from each tribe, twelve thousand armed for war. NKJV

Matthew 26:53

Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? NKJV

1 Kings 4:7

And Solomon had twelve governors over all Israel, who provided food for the king and his household; each one made provision for one month of the year. NKJV

Matthew 10:1

And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. NKJV

Luke 22:25-30

And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called 'benefactors.' But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves. "But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel." NKJV

Revelation 21:11-15

Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. NKJV



The Lord also impressed upon me the motto and concept of the Knights of the Round Table. I saw 12 swords not pointing in but pointing out. It was like each one represented an army and each one had the others back. Together they formed a strong base of operations and their outward focus reminded me of the Church which comes from the Greek word ekklesia which was used in Greek culture as a governmental assembly of senators “called out” to make decisions. This led to the motto of KLI.

We are all for one, King Jesus, and we are one for all, the Church, the Ekklesia, the called out ones.

The Church is called to establish God’s government on earth as it is in heaven. We are being “called out” of the four walls of the traditional church building in order” to be the Church in every sphere of society.” Government’s have armies and the role of the army is to enforce the political will of the government they represent.

Jesus said, do you not know I could call 12 legions of angels. I realized that He did not do that at that time in Luke because He had not yet gone to the cross.

When I realized that and remembered what Jesus said in Matthew 6:9 I began to cry out “on earth as it is in heaven.’ Lord you have 12 legions, 12 armies in heaven, so Lord I want 12 legions, 12 columns, 12 armies here on earth. I see them representing the fivefold and the 7 spheres of society.

As we form these 12 councils city by city and as we do the word and make disciples, these councils become families, who become tribes, which becomes an army; 12 armies to enforce the will of the government they represent, the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, on earth as it is in heaven.

I and those kingdom minded leaders whom God has drawn are looking for other kingdom minded leaders who desire to push the envelope and dream of new ways, new methods, new ideas, new concepts, to provide solutions for today’s troubled world and to demonstrate the gospel of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ through great love, with

wisdom and power. I believe the best ideas, the most effective solutions, the best products and services, the best education, ought to be coming through the Church and we are looking for those kingdom minded people who want to exercise their faith with us to do just that. I am looking for history makers who recognize that their personal destiny will not be fulfilled apart from a corporate vision and destiny.

Are you one of those who recognize that we are one body with many different members? Are you one of those who believe that we are one Church made up of many local congregations? Are you one of those who believe Ephesians 4:16 that teaches us that when every part does its share it edifies the body in love? Are you one of those that believe when one member suffers we all suffer but when one is honored we are all honored?

If so, then you may be one of the ones God is calling to ally with us through a covenant in this Kingdom League International.

KLI DISTINCTIVES

Distinctive = distinguishing characteristics

- Connects the church in houses, the Church in a city and the Church in a region through Apostolic Resource Centers (ARCs).
- Builds the wall of prayer and establishes a 24/7 prayer watch through Operation Rolling Thunder(ORT), CONECT and ARC strategies in cities.
- Forms strategic leadership councils in cities representing all seven spheres of society and the fivefold ministry.
- Church government is based upon the set man principle with a council of elders (Bishop – episkopae & Elders – presbuterous)
- Fivefold ministry gifts are used to equip each saint to be a minister.

OVERVIEW OF ENTERING INTO COVENANT

How can you league or enter into covenant with us? It is a process not to be taken lightly. 1 Thessalonians 5:12 admonishes us to know those who labor among us while 1 Thessalonians 5:21 teaches us to prove all things. Therefore, there is a three step process we follow that can take between 3 to 6 months.

1. Interest and introduction
2. Getting to know one another.
3. Entering into covenant.

INTEREST AND INTRODUCTION

This step involves you contacting Tim or another KLI minister and expressing interest in learning more. You will be provided with access to the:

1. Vision, mission, values and philosophy of ministry of KLI
2. The Kingdom League Teaching
3. The Storehouse Teaching

This will help you begin to know us. The next step is to help us begin to know you.

Let me be clear. I am not looking to build a big ministry or network for the sake of building a ministry, a network or a name. What I am looking for is to hit the mark for the assignment my heavenly Father has assigned me and to discover all whom He has called me to be in league with for His purpose and His glory. It is not my intention to lower the standard for the sake of numbers and appearance, but it is my intention to raise the standard by looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith (Heb. 12:2). He is the standard we aspire to. He is the one whom we seek to exalt and He is the one to whom we make disciples to.

GETTING TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER

You are the one who initiates this step. 2 Timothy 2:2 also teaches us that we are to entrust what we have to faithful men and women. We will observe how you respond to us during this process and as you ask questions and complete the process our dialogue will grow. You will get to know us more and we'll also get to know you better.

This is a selection process where we seek to discover our heavenly Father's will. It is our expectation that at the end of this process we will both have either peace about proceeding to step three or not. Ephesians 4:16 says that when every member does their share, it causes the body to edify itself in love. Therefore, I am very passionate about seeing each person and ministry being in the best place for the sake of our Lords' kingdom. If there is another place you are supposed to be, we want you there. It is best for you and it is best for us. Here is an overview of this second stage.

1. Communicate your desire to enter into this stage
 - a. Pray, obey and sow tithes (portion of tithe) and communicate what the Lord directed you to do.
 - b. Date completed: _____

2. Complete the gift mix assessment. Date submitted: _____
3. Submit your vision, mission, values etc. for your ministry, church, business, organization or your personal vision.
 - a. Date submitted: _____
 - b. If you have difficulty with any of this or need assistance in developing your vision, mission, action plans etc. we will assist you once you enter into stage three.
4. Submit a resume, biography, history or a summary of your ministry or milestones in your life.
 - a. Date submitted: _____
5. Review KLI's policy regarding the relationships between traveling ministries and the local church.
 - a. Date completed: _____
6. Review the following books, CDs/DVDs:
 - a. Operation Rolling Thunder II (book)
 - i. Date completed: _____
 - b. The Operation Rolling Thunder Kit (CDs & DVDs)
 - i. Date completed: _____
 - c. Developing Apostolic Strategy
 - i. Date completed: _____
 - d. Strategic Leadership
 - i. This is a CD or DVD series that is based upon the book Developing Apostolic Strategy but is more thorough and it includes an introduction to CONECT and the ARC.
 - ii. Date completed: _____
7. Commit your church/ministry to stand watch one day a month in KLI's wall of prayer utilizing the CONECT system.
 - a. What day will you stand watch each month? _____

ENTERING INTO COVENANT

You will recall in this teaching that covenant involves five elements. One of those elements is written and the other is an oath. This can be entered into at any time there is mutual agreement. We will also set a time for the oath to be made publically to celebrate entering into this covenant relationship.

This is an example of the oath.

The oath:

"I, _____ (name), do solemnly commit that I will support and advance the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ as I take my place within Kingdom League International. I will be a faithful steward and I commit to using my gifts, talents, abilities, and resources to build the kingdom. I will become all I can be in the army of the Lord and will strive to fulfill my personal destiny in Christ while helping others find their destiny as part of a team. I will fully take my position in His army, this Church, and this strategic league. I will be all for one, King Jesus, and I will be one with others who make up the Church, the Ekklesia, the called-out ones. I commit to becoming a disciple of Christ, a servant leader and exercising my faith to see His character formed within me while His power flows through me. I believe the word of God is inerrant I commit to upholding His righteous moral standard and word without compromise. . I will not gossip nor suffer those who backbite or seek to sow discord. When offenses arise I commit to following God's plan to reconcile relationships. I will not take a brother to civil court and if I cannot resolve a matter by following Matthew 18 I will utilize the alternative dispute resolution established by KLI. I commit to being a mentor and making disciples. I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ, His Church and this league to which I am entering covenant with. I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, so help me God."

Signature: _____

Date: _____

BENEFITS

- Love and regular prayer
 - A spiritual covering who watches over you (your family's) soul
 - 24/7 prayer strategy that covers you and protects you and your family as you advance the kingdom in all spheres of society
- Disciple and mentor leaders
 - Vision, mission, values, troubleshoot leadership and organizational issues
- Regular communication
- Pioneer and develop cutting-edge training and support tools.
 - Training leaders the principles of spiritual war
- Provide a foundation to develop your gifts and calling through service, outreach, and ministry opportunities.
- A commitment to team ministry
- Opportunity to develop character and serve while building a bigger vision
- Opportunity to discover and develop your gifts, talents and abilities in the kingdom
- Opportunity to advance in the kingdom while moving toward your personal destiny and vision
- Access to the ARC storehouse and treasury to equip you for worship and for spiritual war

CONSEQUENCES

If the signs of the covenant and relationship are broken and not restored, benefits will cease.

SIGNS

There are signs of covenant. The following signs are specific to KLI. The signs of the covenant will include but are not be limited to:

1. Love God, love one another, and pray for each other regularly
2. Agree to the vision and the kingdom values

3. Agree to implement the apostolic strategies presented through the Christian Outreach Network Establishing City-wide Teamwork (CONNECT), Operation Rolling Thunder and the ARC.
4. Personal vision and destiny is not accomplished separate from a corporate destiny and vision. Ensure your vision and values are a fit by studying and agreeing to the vision, mission, values, and foundational doctrines.
5. Pray and obey regarding tithes and offerings and other forms of giving that are an expression of covenant.
6. Maintain regular communication and be faithful to attend meetings as time and distance permit.
7. Commit to develop your gifts, your call, and disciple/mentor others.
8. Developing the character of Christ, the heart of a servant and exercising faith to demonstrate the gospel of the kingdom
9. Do not gossip or complain. If you have a problem with Tim, Brenda, or any of the League leaders, please follow Matthew 18 protocols and speak with the individual first. Then come and see Tim personally.