MORNING WORSHIP 25 January 2009

Title: "Seek the kingdom of God"

Text: Luke 12:29-34

#### (I) THE KINGDOM OF GOD

## 1. The Preaching of the Kingdom of God

"I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent" **Luke 4:43** 

- a) Proclamation of the kingdom of God
- b) Purpose of life related to the preaching of the kingdom of God
- c) Power of God accompanied Jesus as He preached the kingdom of God (Luke 6:19)

## 2. Invitation to be involved in the work of the Kingdom of God

- a) Invitation to become trained Disciples (Luke 5:27)
- b) Training for ministry (Luke 4, 6)
- c) Empowering for ministry (Luke 9:1-2)

### 3. Learning deep lessons of the kingdom of God

- a) Discovering the lordship of Christ (Luke 6:5)
- b) Appreciating the power of Christ (Luke 6:19)
- c) Treasuring the relationship with Jesus as Teacher (Luke 6:19)

#### (II) SEEKING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

"But seek the kingdom of God..." Luke 12:31a

#### 1. Seek

- a) An imperative word that demands obedience
- b) An imperative word that demands active seeking
- c) An imperative word that demands a consistent activity of seeking

## 2. The Kingdom of God

- a) Seeking entrance into the kingdom of God first
- b) Seeking to know the King
- c) Seeking to understand and appreciate the teachings of the kingdom

# (III) LIVING AS ROYAL SUBJECTS OF THE KINGDOM

- 1. Serving the King faithfully (Luke 12:35-48)
  - a) Parable of the Expectant Steward (Luke 12:35-40)
  - b) Parable of the Faithful and wise Steward (Luke 12:42-48)

#### 2. Challenge to be found faithful

"Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching..." **Luke** 12:37

- "...he will make him ruler over all that he has." Luke 12:44
- "...For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more." **Luke 12:48**