

## ***The Kingdom we did not Expect***

### ***What Does God Want?***

Matthew 11:1 – 6



I challenge you know today: \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **I. The Presence of God is \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 11:1).**

1. Christ is your \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **II. The Presence of God is \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 11:2,3).**

1. Know God in \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **III. The Presence of God is \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 11:4 – 6).**

1. The Kingdom has \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Heaven is \_\_\_\_\_.

Questions for more in-depth study

Read through Matthew 11:1-6

1. What are your thoughts and reactions to the events of Polycarp and his martyrdom?
2. What other ways on a day-to-day level do we have to stand up for our faith, subtly and directly? What consequences do we encounter because of our faith?
3. Look at the main challenge and read Ephesians 5:15-21. What is the will of God based on these verses? How are these verses related to the main challenge?
4. Look at main point 1. What is the calling you have been given by God? What is significant in Jesus preaching to the cities of Galilee so many times?
5. What is significant of the phrase, “in their towns?” How is that important to the text?
6. Look at main point 2. Why do you suppose John asked Jesus if he was the one? What frustration was he experiencing?
7. Read Ps 73:13,16; Ps 102:1,2. What frustrations have you had in following God? What has been God’s reply?
8. Look at main point 3. In what way would Jesus’ reply be a comfort to John? Would you have found comfort in that reply? Explain.
9. What will you do to bring heaven to earth today?