

So Close

In our study of Kingdom Parables, our emphasis is not upon the parable but rather what the parable shows us about the kingdom. It is understanding the kingdom that is essential.

One of the valuable lessons is to learn the difference between the Universal church and the Local church (or congregation).



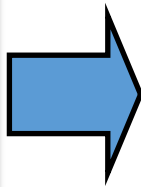
	Universal church	Local church
Comprised of		
Overseen by		
Location		
Duration		
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A. So close to the kingdom (Mark 12:28-34)

Jesus said to the scribe, "You are not far from the kingdom of God" (34)

What made this man "close" to the Kingdom:

- He
- He
- He
- He had _____ for Jesus
- He understood what really _____ to God



What is the conclusion of being "not far" from the kingdom of God?

What would it take for this man to be "in" the kingdom?

B. Not "fit" for the kingdom (Lk 9:57-62)

- Actually none of the three men were "fit" for the kingdom

- All three men had ready excuses

The first man is i _____

The second man is i _____

The third man is i _____

What would make a person "fit" for the kingdom?