

High School Humanities
Bible Essay Assignment
Due Date: Thursday, October 5



Write an essay on the following prompt:

Present a biblical view of the nature of either a) the Kingdom of God, or b) the Spirit of God, and explore your understanding of the implications of these things for your life today.

I want to point out that I'm not asking that you profess belief in these concepts - though I would be incredibly joyful if you do - I'm merely asking you to consider what the logical out workings of these concepts would be if they were true. In the words of Francis Schaeffer, if these things are true, "*how should we then live?*"

Your essay should be between 900-1100 words, size 12 font, double-spaced, MLA format. This will count as a test grade for Bible.

You should draw directly from your reading in the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts, though you of course may cite other Scriptures as well. You should cite specific verses for what is meant by the Kingdom or the Spirit. If you were particularly impacted or affected by something in your reading, you should cite it and expound on your experience.

Optional outside sources: In addition, you may reference at least two outside sources on the subject. These should be from reputable sources - books, sermons, websites such as The Gospel Coalition or Desiring God, and academic journals - not personal blogs or "fringe" websites. Check the background and credentials of the author. If you have any uncertainty about a source, let me know and I will check it out.

In grading this modified version of the assignment, I will primarily be looking for:

- 1) Support of your view of the kingdom/Spirit of God taken from Luke/Acts.
- 2) How you apply this understanding to your own life, OR how you believe Christians in general should apply this understanding to their lives.

Successful papers will have several examples from Luke/Acts to support their thesis and will describe direct applications to our lives today.

Please approach this assignment with prayer and anticipation that God will be revealing things to you through this work. While this assignment is meant to show me your comprehension of the material, it is also meant to draw you deeper into the things God is calling us to, and they are infinitely exciting things!