**God is establishing his kingdom (Gen-Rev)**

Best news in 2018? Significance?

Setting the statement within the bigger picture

What is the gospel?

“Jesus came to this world to die for my sins so that I can go to heaven when I die”?

Blurry glasses again

The bigger story

Mark 1:14-15; Matt. 4:23; Luke 4:43

In very broad strokes, going to trace the story of the kingdom of God throughout the Bible

**Episode 1: God is King**

Psalm 47:7-8; Psalm 93:1-2; Psalm 102:11-12; Psalm 103:19

Kings…

…and gardens…

“The kingdom of God is not making a statement about a ‘thing’ called ‘the kingdom’, but about *God*, that he is king” – RT France

**Episode 2: We are regents**

Genesis 1:26-28, Psalm 8:5-6

God reigns *through* his image-bearing servant-kings!

**Episode 3: We committed treason**

Rejecting and redefining God’s rule

Our Somali region

Abdication of kingly responsibilities

**Episode 4: God is seeking to re-establish his kingdom**

…through an image-bearing servant-king

Gen. 3:15; 17:6; Exodus 15:18

Judges 21:25

2 Samuel 7:12-13

Daniel 2:44, 7:13-14; Isaiah 35:4-6; 33:24

**Episode 5: The King comes**

“Through Jesus, God’s perfect Servant-King, God is graciously establishing his kingly rule over all of creation (including us!), as he dies on the cross for our sin, and is raised to life again.”

* Personal & panaromic

3 lessons: