

As followers of Jesus, we immigrate into the Kingdom of God

 This counter cultural realm where God reigns
 We take our identity as citizens of the Kingdom of God
 We assume the new cultural ways of living in the Kingdom of God
 We have the full resources of the Kingdom of God available to us
 The result of fully taking our place within the Kingdom of God...

The community of God—as citizens of the Kingdom of God we have a whole community

 Kingdom implies many people—fellow citizens with each other
 There are people around the world that are also citizens of the Kingdom of God
 The Kingdom stretches backwards and forward—with the eternal now of time and space
 So those who have gone before and come after are also part of our community
 The entire Biblical community is part of our community
 We have a particular synergy with those called Quakers—we will delve into that next week
 We share resources with the community of God—we aren't alone
 Resources of knowledge and wisdom
 Resources of the connectedness of community
 We are there for each other

This extends into our economics—Jubilee economics

 Huge learning this winter that we are living the Year of Jubilee in the Kingdom of God
 It isn't just a system that God gave in the Old Testament
 Nor is it about some unrealized future
 It is how we are to live as citizens of the Kingdom of God
 Jubilee has come in fullness through the Kingdom of God
 It is no longer reserved as the completion of 7 Sabbatical Years—after 49 years or 7 X 7
 We are in Jubilee—that means we are to live out God's radical system of economic freedom
 Jesus wasn't saying—Jubilee is fulfilled within Jesus' ministry on earth
 Nor within the gift of salvation—as in we're set free individually by God
 Nor was Jesus saying that the year of Jubilee coincided with his ministry beginning
 Jesus said that Jubilee has come in fullness and is here for all time—forever!
 The era of Jubilee began with Jesus, but it has no end for all of eternity
 Jubilee is the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of God is Jubilee
 Jubilee economics—
 Enough—we are enough to do everything God calls us to do
 We have enough resources for everything we are called to do
 Open boundaries—the fullness of God flows in and out of us
 Sabbath principles—we can take time away from the busyness of life
 There is enough time to match the task—and still have a Sabbath day of rest
 Restoration—there is built into the Jubilee economics the idea of restoration
 The land lays fallow for a year and restores to production
 Land returns to its rightful owner
 Slaves are set free
 We are restored

In this community of God, there are no outsiders

 We extend grace as freely as God has extended grace to us
 We welcome all people into our midst—we welcome them as insiders of the Kingdom of God