



Values

We value the Kingdom

[ So far ]

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- Coherence is the key to effectiveness
  - e.g. Walking in step over a bridge
- We value Christ
  - For what he's done
  - For who he is

# [ The Kingdom – Jesus' view ]

- It's what he was most interested in
  - He prayed for it – Luke 11v1-4
  - He announced & demonstrated it – Mark 1v14ff
  - He taught it – Acts 1v3
  - He valued it – Matthew 13v44-45

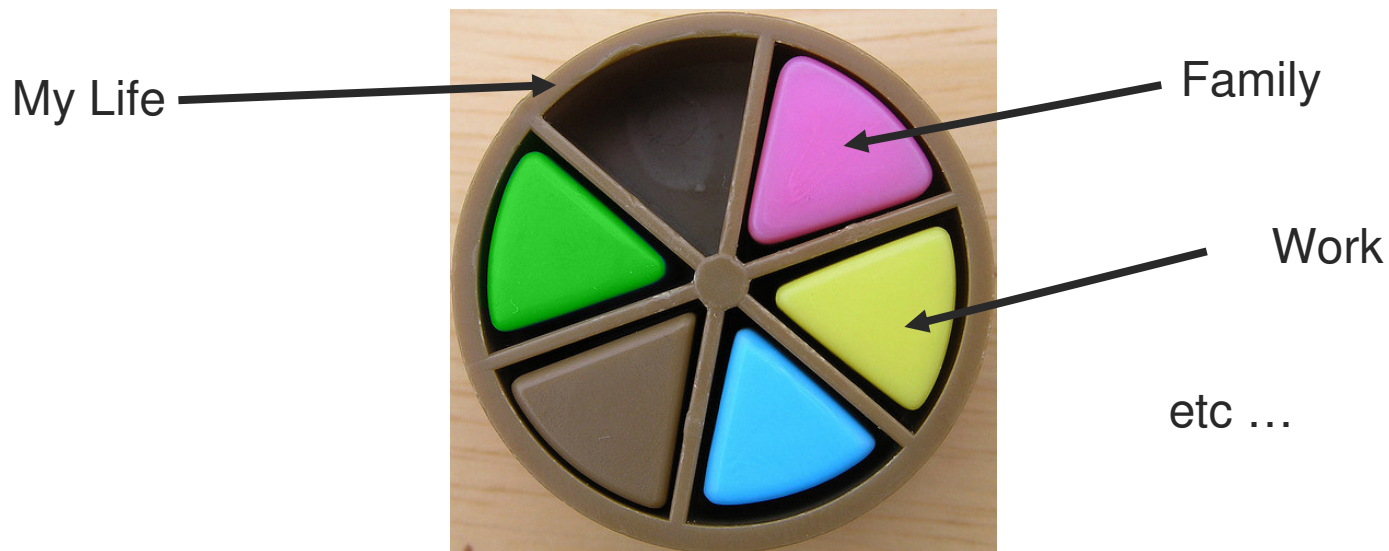
# [ The Kingdom – not the U.K.! ]

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- The U.K. is not a kingdom as the bible thinks of a kingdom!
- **The Kingdom is where the King rules with authority**

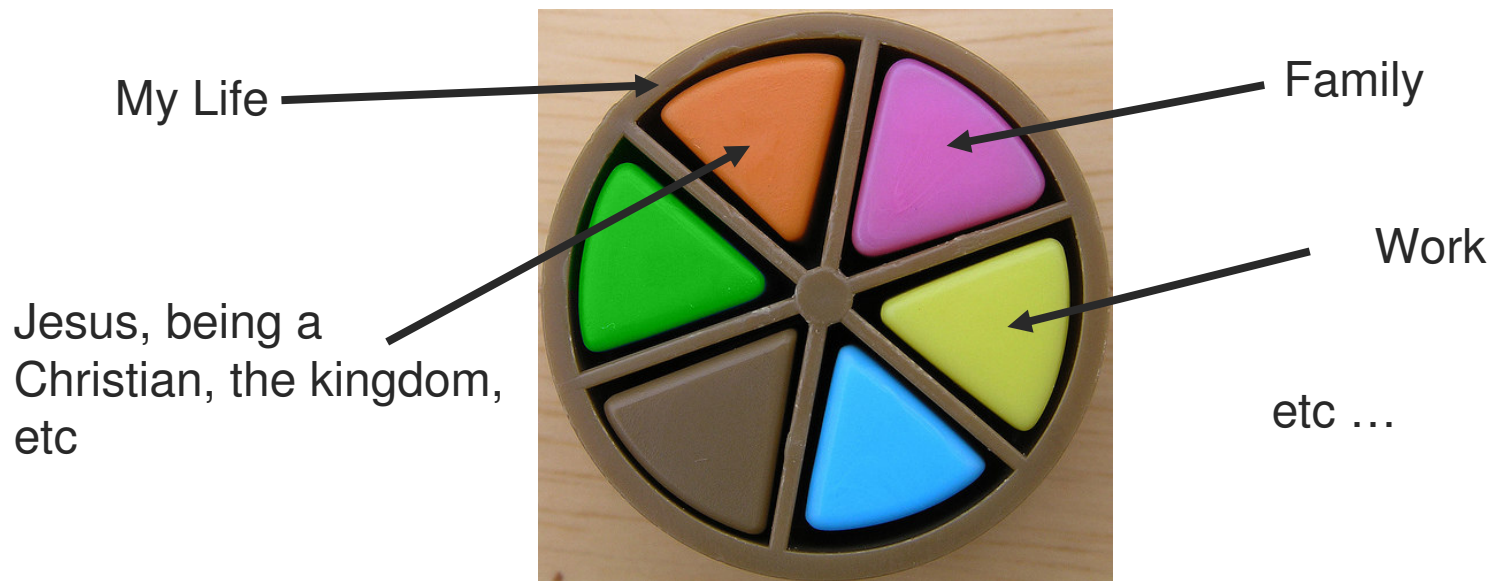
# [ The Kingdom – a perspective ]

- We often look at our life as a collection of “slices”:
  - Family, Home, Stuff, Work, Church ...



# [ The Kingdom – a perspective ]

- But on our own, we are missing something
  - So, we add Jesus in ...



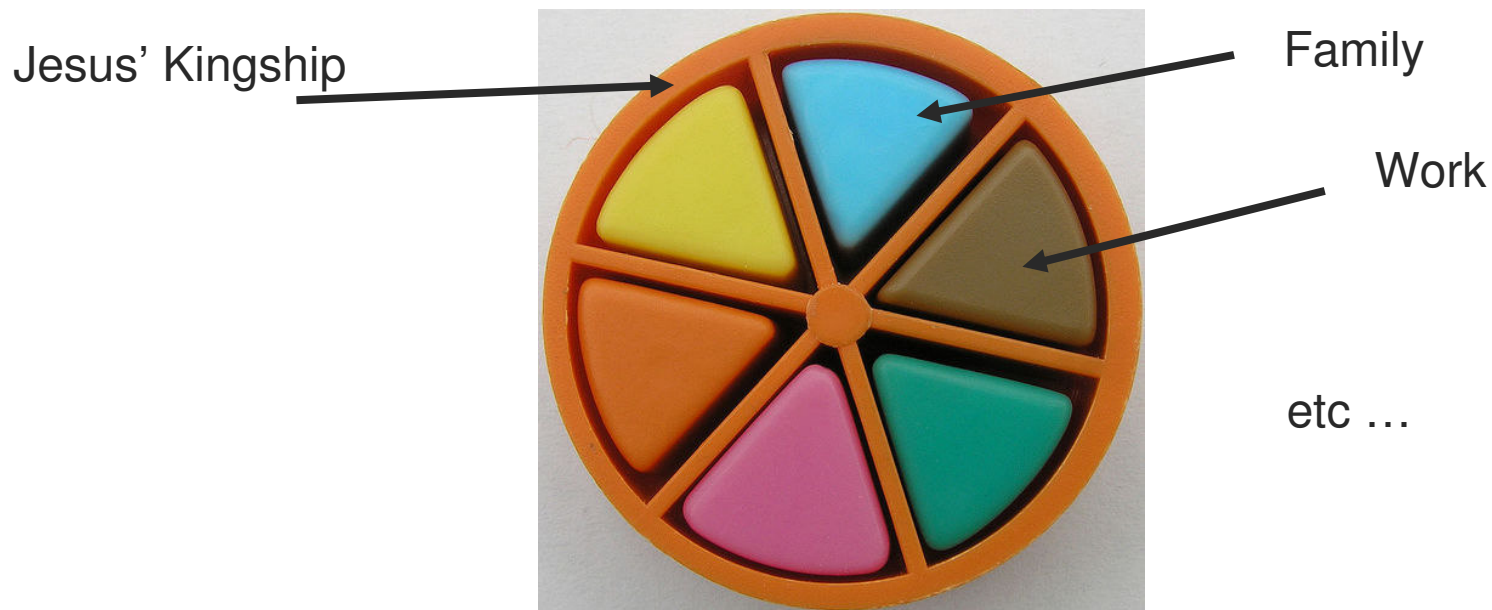
# [ The Kingdom – a perspective ]

- What brings order to my life and moves the pieces around?
  - The humanist answer – Me
  - The answer of our times – Whatever



# [ The Kingdom – a perspective ]

- Jesus' answer: The Kingdom ...



# [The kingdom comes in us]

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- As we seek it!
- As we actively call it into being
  - Through prayer
  - Through choices

# The kingdom comes in the world

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- As we build it
  - Through prayer
  - Through choices

# The kingdom comes through the church

- The church is God's chosen instrument
  - Ephesians 2v21-22 & 3v10
  - Matthew 16v18
- The church is Jesus' bride
  - Revelation 22v17



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It's worth everything!