

As a citizen of the United States, what do you appreciate? Do you have a sense of patriotism? Why or why not? What troubles you about your homeland?

Citizen: a legal resident of a territory who owes his allegiance to and expects protection from it's governing authorities.

- **Citizens of Heaven are dual citizens. (Phil. 3:20, Eph. 2:19)**

How did you become a citizen of the United States? How did you become a citizen of Heaven?

How do you show allegiance to your heavenly authorities?

Do you have a greater sense of protection as a citizen of the United States or as a citizen of Heaven?

- **Citizens of Heaven seek the welfare of their earthly home. (Jeremiah 29:7)**

What is an exile? List the things that you do as a citizen of Heaven to benefit the land you now live in as an exile?

- **Citizens of Heaven are homesick for their eternal home. (Col. 3:1, Hebrews 11:14-16)**

Describe a time when you experienced homesickness. Why did you feel homesick?

The symptoms of homesickness are various. Which of the following symptoms are you experiencing?

- Anxiety
- Disappointment
- Loneliness
- Apathy
- Confusion

Kingdom of God: The rule and reign of God that transcends all other kingdoms. (Psalm 103:19)

Do you doubt the sovereignty of God when you see tragedy and injustice in the world?

How do the promises of God's goodness and control calm you in seasons of trial or suffering?

- **The kingdom of God has already arrived. (Matthew 4:17)**

In what sense is the kingdom of God at hand?

What evidence do you see of the rule and reign of God in creation? In his people? In your heart?

- **The kingdom of God has not yet been fully realized. (1Cor. 15:24)**

List the kingdoms of this world that rival the kingdom of God for control.

When will the kingdom of God be fully revealed?

Read Acts 1:3. What was the last thing Jesus taught his disciples before he left earth? How does an understanding of the kingdom equip you to live faithfully until Jesus returns?

- **The kingdom of God is shining through kingdom citizens. (Matt. 6:10, 33)**

List the ways you see the kingdom of God breaking through the darkness into the kingdoms of this world.

In what areas are you praying that God's kingdom would come and his will be done on earth as it is in heaven?

How are you specifically seeking the kingdom of God? What other things are you seeking that compete for first place?