

The Kingdom of God
Small Group Discussion Guide
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Opening Question (Icebreaker)

What's a movie or story that has really stayed with you and why do you think it stuck?

1. The Story We're Living In

The Bible tells a story of a good world, a deep brokenness, a real enemy and a King who comes to rescue.

- What part of this "big story" stands out most to you right now?
- Where do you see brokenness in the world or in your own life?

2. The King Has Come

Read Mark 1:14-15. Jesus didn't just bring teaching, He brought the Kingdom of God. The gospel is not just advice, it's an announcement. Jesus came to reclaim what was lost.

- What does it mean to you that "the kingdom of God has come near"?
- How is that different from how people often think about Christianity?

3. The Kingdom Is Advancing

In the Gospels, wherever Jesus goes the sick are healed, the oppressed are freed, and sinners are welcomed. Where Jesus reigns, everything begins to change.

- Why do you think broken or hurting people were drawn to Jesus?
- Where have you seen God bring change or healing in your life?

4. Changing Kingdoms

Following Jesus means more than belief – it means a change of allegiance. Leaving the "old kingdom" (sin, self-rule). Entering God's kingdom (life, freedom, restoration).

- What makes it hard to "leave the old kingdom" behind?
- What might God be asking you to surrender right now?

5. The Kingdom Grows Through Us

Jesus describes the kingdom like a mustard seed (small beginnings, big impact) and yeast (transformative). God can use even small acts of obedience to do big things.

- What is one small way you can live out God's kingdom this week?
- Who has God placed in your life that you can impact?
- Who is an unbeliever you can be praying for?

Prayer Time

- For courage to live in freedom as kingdom people.
- For open eyes and ears to see opportunities to impact others.
- For the needs of the people in your group.

Weekly Challenge

- This week: *"How can I live under Jesus' reign today?"*