

Thy Kingdom Come

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The Big Acts Question:

What would it look like to lift up our eyes, see people on God's heart, and move in step with the Holy Spirit out of our comfort zones and fully into the appointments and assignments God has for us, that the life and love of Jesus in us might be multiplied through us?

- Understand the Kingdom of God
 - o It is near (already and not yet)
 - o It is different (upside down)
 - o It is open (through faith in Christ)

- Seek the Kingdom of God
 - o Enter it (by faith in Christ)
 - o Live for it
 - o Share it

JOURNAL ASSIGNMENTS

1. Practice drawing the "Three Thrones" illustration.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. Have you ever built a fort in the woods or in your bedroom or living room? Share about these experiences!
3. Read Acts 1:3. In your own words, explain what you think Jesus might have talked to his disciples about when he spoke of the kingdom of God.
4. Read Acts 1:6. What kind of kingdom were the disciples envisioning? How was their vision of the kingdom different than what we learned of the kingdom of God today?
5. Read Acts 1:8. How does Jesus refocus his disciples in this verse? What questions do you think the disciples had after hearing Jesus speak these final words?
6. Read Matthew 5:3, 18:3-4, and 19:23-24. And read John 17:36. How is the kingdom of God different from the kingdoms of the world?
7. Read Matthew 6:33 and Colossians 3:1-4. We are all kingdom builders. In what ways are you tempted to use your time, talents, and treasures to build your own kingdom rather than build the kingdom of God?
8. What is currently competing for the throne of your heart? What is asking you for your allegiance? What difference will it make for Jesus to have the throne of your heart?
9. Read Matthew 5:20 and 7:21. How can one have the righteousness required to enter the kingdom of God? (Consider John 3:3-5, Romans 3:21-24)
10. Read Matthew 6:9-10 and spend some time praying for God's kingdom and will to come on earth as it is in heaven.

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

Meditate on Matthew 6:33, John 3:3-5, John 17:36, 1 Corinthians 2:1-10, Colossians 3:1-4

Read "What is the Kingdom of God?"
– <https://bit.ly/whatisthekingdomofgod>

Read about the problems of "Christian Nationalism"
– <https://bit.ly/christiannationalismproblems>

Watch "That's My King"
– <https://bit.ly/thatsmykingvideo>

Listen to "Seek Ye First" – <https://bit.ly/seekyefirstsong>

Listen to "Kingdom" – https://bit.ly/kingdom_mc

Read *Kingdom Living* by Tony Evans

