

LIFE GROUP GUIDE

YOUR KINGDOM COME

In Cape Town as it is in Heaven

SERIES BIG IDEA:

Jesus taught us to pray the words “your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” This eternal kingdom has great realities for us in our next life as well as the right here, right now. Our kingdom series is going to unpack the exciting truth and implications for the reality of the already and not-yet dynamics of God’s kingdom as it advances and moves to bring restoration, truth, justice and hope to a broken world.

Week 2

GOALS

- Deepen our understanding of what Jesus meant when he spoke about his Kingdom
- Grow in relationship with each other
- Grow in our confidence in God and the gospel and evangelism

TIPS

- This series is theological, it is preferable to have listened to the Sunday messages, especially the person leading the Life Group discussion.
- Life Group Leaders, we suggest doing a little more reading of Matthew 13 commentary over this series to equip yourself for leading well. It is our hope that over these series, our leaders are going deeper in Scripture to be able to lead out of a richer depth of pursuit and understanding of God and his word. Some good commentaries to consider reading over this time:
- <https://www.biblestudytools.com/commentaries/matthew-henry-complete/matthew/13.html>
- https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/guzik_david/StudyGuide2017-Mat/Mat-13.cfm

HEADLINES

- In fulfilment of the prophets' promises, Jesus came to launch his kingdom.
- It is here in part, although not in full. We live in the overlap of the ages.

PRAYER

Father God, thank you for bringing us together again today. Open our hearts and minds to all that you want us to know and understand. Please, be with us this evening as we learn more about you. Amen.

DISCUSSION

1. Did anything stand out for you in Sunday's talk that you hadn't considered before or was a surprise? Were there any take-home applications from Sunday, or any questions you had?
2. Read the following scriptures: Matthew 13:24-30, 37-43
3. What is Jesus describing here?
4. What are the implications for us as his followers?
5. How do you think we have a tendency to try be the farmer and harvesters ourselves (vs 37, 39)?
6. What does this passage teach us about what our responsibility is with dealing with 'weeds'?
7. This is a great image of the realities of the already and not yet. Weeds can never produce grain. Weeds can't turn into plants that produce grain. But spiritually, what looks like a weed one day, in future may become gospel fruit. So every person we see is living in the realities of the already and not yet. Their eternal destination can't be known today and therefore we need to leave the pruning to the All-knowing Father, the true farmer. Think of three people in your life that you are trusting for a change in eternal destination.

PRAY

Spend some time praying for the people you have identified and for each other that you will have wisdom and boldness and opportunities to share the gospel. Let's pray and trust for enriched lives of faith and evangelism in the weeks to come.