

# LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS



REVIEW: Read Mark 1:1-15 **What items from this passage or Sunday's message that caught your attention, or you'd like to comment on, or had a question about?**

1. Sunday Pastor Jim pointed out that the Kingdom of God is mentioned much more than the word church in the gospels. He went on to say, **"The church is not the point of the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of God is the point of the church."** What did you draw from that statement?

2. In Matthew 6:10 Jesus tells us to pray, **"Your Kingdom Come."** Now let's discuss what that might look like on an individual basis. The Kingdom of God has a King, His name is Jesus. Therefore it makes sense that the way Jesus lived is what a kingdom life looks like. Name 4 specific qualities of Jesus that exemplified how a kingdom person is to live.

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1. What do the following verses reveal about the Kingdom of God?

Matthew 6:33 John 18:36 Romans 14:17 Revelation 1:6

2. Read Matthew 11:12 This teaches us that the Kingdom of God is forcefully advancing and while advancing it is being opposed. Now read Colossians 1:13 Here we find the force behind the opposition to be demonic, the domain of darkness. Knowing this and the fact that Jesus said to **"pray for His kingdom to come to earth."** In your own words, how might this understanding affect or redirect our prayer life? Explain

3. This is your bonus Jeopardy question. This is just something to make you think. Read Mark 1:15. Mark calls it the Kingdom of "God." Now read Matthew 4:17. Matthew calls it the Kingdom of "heaven." Why do you think Mark inserts "God" and Matthew uses "heaven?"

4. Read Acts 10:38. The King of the Kingdom is Jesus. And He went around doing good deeds and helping people. When was the last time we went out of our way to help someone who really needed help? I mean, really out of our way where it might have cost us "time, money, or energy? Please share your experience and how helping someone else affected you?

5. This will take some thought before Life Group and beyond tonight's Life Group. Read Mark 1:38. Jesus the King knew why He was on the planet. Have you ever thought "why" you are on this planet at this time in history? If so, what have you concluded? If not, then set a course to find out what that is.

**TAKING IT HOME:** What is the one thing you will put into practice from Sunday's teaching or tonight's lesson?

PRAYER REQUESTS: