



LifeGroup Questions May 16-21

## **Presence Carriers & Kingdom Bringers**

Q: What is "the Gospel of the Kingdom"

Q: How does it differ from the Gospel that we often share?

### **TWO DYNAMICS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CAN MANIFEST TO OTHERS**

#### **1. Followers of Jesus are carriers of God's presence wherever we go**

- we are, "Presence Carriers"
- read 2 Corinthians 2:14-15. How does our presence evoke these various responses from believers and unbelievers?

Q: Do you live with the awareness that you carry God's presence with you? How does it make you feel? How might knowing this change you?

#### **2. Followers of Jesus can manifest the Kingdom of God wherever we go**

- we are "Kingdom Bringers"
- read Matthew 16:19. Jesus gave His followers "keys to the Kingdom". What might this mean? What Kingdom realities do we have authority to bind/loose?
- How does the thought that you are "bringing the Kingdom" affect your thinking and motivation as you serve?

### **AS "PRESENCE CARRIERS & KINGDOM BRINGERS", WE...**

#### **1. ...Embrace Jesus' Kingdom Reign**

Read Mark 1:14-15; Romans 10:9; 1 Peter 3:15. What does it mean for Jesus to be "Lord" of our lives? When do you tend to not be "loyal subjects" of the King?

#### **2. ...Embody Jesus' Kingdom Life**

The following are samples of the life of the Kingdom that Jesus calls His followers to: Matthew 5:3-11; 5:43-45a; 6:31-34; 7:12. How distinct or how will we "stick out" as we manifest his Kingdom life in our culture? Is this hard for you? Why or why not?

### 3. ...Express Jesus' Kingdom Works

Read Matthew 5:13-16; Luke 9:1-2; Luke 10:30-37; Acts 1:8.

What are some of the Kingdom works that Jesus mentions in these passages? What other Kingdom works might we do as His Body in this world?

On Sunday we heard about Bill Bright's prayer every morning:

"Jesus, these are Your hands, Your feet, Your mouth, Your eyes. I give them to You today for You to use them for Your glory. Not my will but Yours be done."

Q: How might your day/your perspective look different if you sincerely prayed this each morning?

**PRAY** for each other, to be more effective as "presence carriers" and "kingdom bringers"