

Kingdom Economy - Upside Down Kingdom  
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As you join this discussion, let the Holy Spirit guide you. Share your thoughts and reflect on the message. Work through the guide by reading Scripture and answering a few questions.

### **Open Up:**

- What's something from your childhood (a show, toy, or trend) that seemed "normal" then but feels a little *bizarre* now?
- When have you experienced a situation where things didn't turn out the way the world said they should, but it turned out better in God's way?

### **Read Together:**

#### **Mark 1:15**

"The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

#### **Luke 7:28**

I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

#### **Galatians 3:26-28**

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

#### **Matthew 18:1-5**

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

#### **Matthew 5:3**

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

### **Mark 10:42-45**

Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

### **2 Corinthians 12:9-10**

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

### **John 18:36**

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

### **Discuss Together:**

- What stood out to you from the message?
- How would you define "The Kingdom of God" as if explaining it to a friend?
- The message said that God's kingdom is not "a place" but "God's action." How do you see evidence of God's reign, His kingdom, at work in ordinary life today?
- Jesus redefined power as *servicing* rather than *controlling*. Who has modeled that kind of power in your life, and what impact did it make?
- The idea of an "*upside-down kingdom*" can sound confusing. In your own words, how would you describe what makes Jesus' kingdom different from the world's systems or values?
- The message asked, "*Which kingdom are we living in?*" What are some signs that help you recognize whether you're living more by the world's rules or by God's kingdom values?

### **Pray:**

Pray that God would open your eyes to where His kingdom is breaking into your daily life. Ask for humility to serve, courage to live differently, and grace to reflect His upside-down way of love and power.

**Invitation:**

Choose one “ladder” in your life (status, image, or power) where you tend to climb. This week, practice stepping *down* that ladder—serve instead of striving, listen instead of leading, or elevate someone else instead of yourself.