

Seek: The 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

- Where are all the cities, states, and countries you have lived in?

Read Together:

Matthew 6:33

But **seek first his kingdom** and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:10

your **kingdom** come, **your will be done**, on **earth** as it is in **heaven**.

John 6:38

For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but **to do the will of him who sent me**.

Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you**. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Romans 12:2

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but **be transformed** by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and **approve what God's will is**—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Luke 21:1-4

As Jesus looked up, he saw **the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury**. He also saw **a poor widow put in two very small copper coins**. "Truly I tell you," he said, "**this poor widow has put in more** than all the others. All **these people gave their gifts out of their wealth**; but she out of her poverty **put in all she had to live on**."

Matthew 6:21

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Discuss Together:

- What does Matthew 6:33 mean to you in the context of priorities?
- Why do you think Jesus places such emphasis on seeking God's kingdom and righteousness first?
- Looking at Matthew 6:10 ("your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven"), How do you see God's will being done in your life or community today? Where might it still be lacking?
- How do you think the idea of the "Kingdom of God" challenges our modern idea about independence, control, and self-rule?
- Read Romans 12:2. How do you personally wrestle with the tension between conforming to the world and being transformed by the renewing of your mind? What steps can help you focus on God's transformation?
- In John 6:38, Jesus says he came to do the will of the Father. What practical ways can we model our lives after Jesus' obedience to God's will?
- Reflect on Luke 21:1-4 (the widow's offering). Why does Jesus value her offering more than the others? What does this teach us about the values of the Kingdom of God?

Pray as a group:

How does this challenging message lead you to pray?