

SERMON SERIES DISCIPLING GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

Let's begin with a look at where we have been in this series, and what's been most helpful. How has a look at the Kingdom of God been helpful to you? What has God said to you so far? How has He convicted or encouraged you? What do you believe is an area of Kingdom growth, understanding or participation that you long for the most?

This past weekend Ron Gray led us through a look at being a citizen of the Kingdom. One of the realities of this Kingdom is that it is not here in full, and is at odds with the kingdom of darkness. This means our daily experience is filled with two opposing kingdoms. Some of our experience may look like it's filled with power and kingdom goodness and authority; while others may look like it's filled with sickness, pain or sin.

READ TOGETHER

Read **Mark 2:1-12**.

1. What doesn't look like it's under the reign and rule of authority? In your own life? In the world around us?

So, if we are people of the King and His Kingdom, but we still see and feel the effects of the opposing kingdom of darkness... what then do we do? From this passage, there are a few great encouragements:

2. We bring one another to the King. There are people hurting - people with needs. One of the privileges we have is to bring others to Jesus.

Take a minute to listen silently, and ask God the following:

Lord, who has need around me? How can I bring them to You?

Lord, what breaks Your heart about my family, workplace or neighbourhood?

What did God say? What did He impress on your heart? How can this be turned into a step you take this week?

3. We bring others to the King, but we also need to ask "who is bringing me to the King"? Who is in my life that helps me connect with God? Who is in my life that knows my pain or trouble? How has this played out in the past for you?
4. Depending on the group situation you are in, you may want to discuss the following, or just keep it as an individual exercise. This passage brings up the need for us to ask God about our deepest need.

Spend some time listening silently:

Lord, what is my deepest need? What is my core need?

Lord, Where do I need You the most?

Lord, what does it mean or look like to allow You to address this in my life?

Share this with someone this week. Ask them to take a step in "bringing you to the King" by praying for you in this area.

And as people called to disciple others, remember this passage, its message and these questions. They provide a helpful pathway for helping others discover that they are part of the Kingdom, but also to discover how they can help bring others to Jesus and to be brought to Him themselves.

End your time together by praying for any needs or names that came up.