

West Towne Circles Discussion Guide

The Future: Your Kingdom Come



Week Three: Your Kingdom Come in Us

Overview

This week, we spent time discussing what it looks like when God's Kingdom comes in us – the church. In the conversation between Jesus and his disciples in Mark 10, we see Jesus remind his followers that they are to live, look, and love differently than the world around them. The world and its kingdoms may operate in one way, but Jesus said to his disciples, and even us today: "Not so with you." The church is the place where the reality of God's Kingdom is lived out in the community of God's people. May we seek first God's Kingdom together, and may God's Kingdom come in us.

Reading and Discussion

1. Read **Mark 10:35-45**. What stands out to you from this passage?
2. Jesus notices that the disciples are arguing about things from the perspective of the world, rather than from the perspective of his Kingdom. Do we do this today? What's something in your life that you struggle with seeing from a Kingdom perspective?
3. When we talk about "church," we're referring to the community of people who gather around Jesus. We all may have different experiences or association with church, but at the core of it:

the church is the people of God. How does this understanding impact your understanding of our church community?

- 4.** Kaleb noted that Jesus calls his community, the Church, to live, look, and love differently. Do you struggle with any of these? Which do you think is the most difficult?
- 5.** Our prayer is that God's Kingdom – his rule and his reign – would come in us as a church. That in our community, we can reflect the goodness of God and the reality of his Kingdom among us. Spend some time praying for our church, and for Jesus' church around the world.
- 6.** As you close, pray the Lord's Prayer together with your group: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*