

# Kingdom Come

## *Dots and Crosses*

(Mt. 5:17-20 & 7:24-27)

# TALK IT OVER

### Key Scripture

“17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” – *Matthew 5:17-20 (ESV)*

“24 “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” – *Matthew 7:24-27 (ESV)*

### Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)

- What did the Bible mean to you growing up?

### Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Read Matthew 5:17-20. What did Jesus come to do to the Law?
- In Matthew 5:17, what does Jesus mean when He says that He has come to “fulfill” the law?
- Read Matthew 7:24-27. What kind of foundation does the Word give us? How will listening to Jesus’ words keep us from sinking.

### Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- When has relying on God’s Word helped you in the past? What truths are in there that will always keep us from sinking?
- As followers of Jesus why should we do our best to keep the moral law? When do you find it hard to follow God’s law?
- How is this really about a change of heart rather than following a set of rules?
- Bonus material: Matthew 8:18-22 & 10:34-39.

### Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)

- Review the first 3 of the Ten commandments. What relationship does the first three have to do with?
- What is the best way for you to take in God’s Word regularly? Audio Bible, reading, app, etc.? What is your plan to feed yourself with the Word?

### Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

### Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)

1. What’s a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
2. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
3. How’s your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (*3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection*)
4. Who is one non-believer that you need to reach out to this week?
5. What’s something you’d like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.