



# *The* Beatitudes

## Discussion Guide – The Kingdom of Heaven

### Main Idea

This week was off base from the Beatitudes series, Pastor Chris taught us on Jesus' primary message, "The Kingdom of Heaven." Many times we think of that the kingdom of heaven will come one day, but Jesus came to announce that it is already here; and it lives in you and me. If we are in Christ, we carry the kingdom everywhere we set foot; a new way of living and a counter-cultural lifestyle. As Jesus came to give the Sermon on the Mount, He was leading us in a declaration of independence from the world's values that gives us new life.

### Make It Practical

- Realize that you are living in the kingdom right now
- Seek first the kingdom in everything that you do, and all "these things" will be added

**From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."**

**Matthew 4:17 ESV**

### Talk About It

1. What does the kingdom of heaven look like for you? How is it different than how you lived before following Jesus?
2. How do you feel like the "Lord's Prayer" (Matthew 6:19-23) transforms our hearts more like the heart of God? What are some things that we can do based on how we pray?
3. What are some ways that we can live out the kingdom of heaven in our daily lives? What are some practical things that you can do to bridge the gap between a holy God and a broken world?
4. Who is your "one" that you can invite into the kingdom?

# **“We bridge the gap between a holy God and a broken world”**

## **Prayer**

Jesus, thank you for bringing us your kingdom here on earth. Remind us of the revival that we are living in right now, in our church and in our homes. We pray that we would become more like you, and less like ourselves, so that your kingdom would be more present in this world. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

## **Leader Tips**

Remind your group members of the miracles that you are seeing in their group. We are living in revival right now, and sometimes, we just need the reminder that we are living in it. Reflect on your own experiences of the kingdom at work in your life. Being vulnerable will help them see what miracles are taking place in their lives as well

## **Scriptures Used**

Matthew 3:2, John 3:30, Matthew 4:17,23, Matthew 6:19-23, Matthew 6:33, John 1:43-46