



Welcome: Have the member you selected last week share their testimony.

Worship: Pray and take a couple minutes of silence to allow the group to prepare their hearts.

Word:

What does inclusion and participation have to do with salvation?

Read *Matthew 3:2-3*

- What was the essence of John's message?
- Why is confession with anticipation so important?

Read *Matthew 4:23-25*

- What is the "good news of the kingdom" that Jesus was proclaiming? What evidence existed that the Kingdom was breaking through on Earth at that time?
- Why do you think you aren't experiencing the Kingdom as described in God's Word (i.e. unbelief, disobedience, undisciplined, double-minded, failure to ask, etc.)?
- Do you err more on the side of assuming the Kingdom is "already here" or "not yet here"? Discuss the consequences of being too far on the "already" or "not yet" side?

Read *Acts 1:3-8*

- When Jesus says we will receive "power" through the Holy Spirit, what does that include?
- Describe an example of how you have been empowered by the Holy Spirit to be His witness.
- Pastor Bryan spoke about living and preparing for Jesus to come as opposed to us going to Him one day. Go around and discuss one way that this shift in thinking will change the way that you live?

Witness: Pick one or two person(s) in your group to prepare their testimony (that is brief, clear, simple, and humble) to share next week.