# **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **COMMUNITY SERVE DAY - OCTOBER 25TH**

Come and take some time to serve our community as we rake leaves for the elderly and do clean up along the road in St. Michael for Adopt-A-Highway.

### **WATER BAPTISM - NOVEMBER 2ND**

Are you ready to follow Jesus' example in water baptism? We want to celebrate that with you during our Worship Night! Go to "events" in the app, or scan the QR code to sign up!







#### **GROUPS LAUNCH THIS WEEK!!!**

LIFE GROUPS are smaller groups of people who commit to meet together consistently for the purpose of growing relationally and spiritually.

Browse all the Life Groups option in the Westbridge Church App and sign up today!

Let us know if you have ANY questions!

# MESSAGE NOTES

# Kingdom Come // Week 2

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| Jesus did not come primarily to <u>DIE</u> ,                 |
| he came to <u>REIGN</u> .                                    |
| This is a record of the ancestors of Jesus Christ Matthew 1: |

This is the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Mark 1:1

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows... Matthew 1:18

Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The **Kingdom** of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" **Mark 1:14** 

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness. Matthew 6:33

May your **kingdom** come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. **Matthew 6:33** 

He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will **reign** over Israel forever; his **Kingdom** will never end! **Luke 1:32-33** 

The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the **Christ**). **John 1:41** 

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is **THE CHRIST**, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. **John 20:30-31** 

"Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" Jesus said, "I AM." Mark 14:61-62

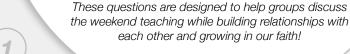
Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him they **WORSHIPED** him - but some of them doubted! Jesus said, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth." **Matthew 28:16-19** 

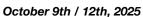
That at the name of Jesus every knee will bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:10-11

# LIFE GROUPS

#### **DISCUSSION GUIDE**





### **WARM UP**

1. Briefly share how you first came to faith in Jesus.



### **KNOW IT**

- 1. Read *Mark 1:14-15.* What *Good News* is Jesus proclaiming here and why is it so important that this happens *before* his death and resurrection?
- 2. Read *Matthew 6:33* and *Matthew 6:10*. What does it mean to "seek first" God's kingdom? How does that shape the way we pray, plan, & prioritize?
- 2. Jeremiah joked about how we sometimes reduce people to their *functions* ("my cook", "my grass-cutter"). What are ways people today reduce Jesus to a *function* rather than seeing him as a King?
- 3. Read **John 20:30-31.** Why did John say he wrote his account? What does it means for us to believe that Jesus is "THE CHRIST" God's anointed King?
- 4. Read **Philippians 2:10-11.** What picture of Jesus doe these verses paint? How does knowing that every knee will bow one day affect the way you live and worship today?



## **SHARE IT**

- 1. Jesus did not come primarily to DIE, but to REIGN. How does that statement shift the way you see the Good News? How would you faith look different if you focused more on Jesus' REIGN than just his RESCUE?
- 2. What are some ways our culture might unintentionally reduce Jesus to a "function" rather than honoring Him as the reigning King?
- 3. How does this "Kingdom lens" change the way we read the rest of the New Testament especially stories about Jesus' teachings, miracles, and parables?



## LIVE IT

- 1. Where in your life are you currently "seated on the throne" instead of letting Jesus reign? What would it look like to surrender that area to Him this week?
- 2. Jesus invites us to "repent" to change our minds and align our lives with the reality that the Kingdom has come. What's one mindset, habit, or attitude that need to shift in light of this truth?
- 3. If Jesus' Kingdom is about God's reign and rule, how can you *partner* with the King this week at work, at home, or in your community?