

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JADEN & ANNA BROCKEL - JULY 5TH

On Sunday, July 5th, we will welcome our new Youth Pastor, Jaden, and his wife Anna, along with their 2 kids! Let's give them a warm welcome as they arrive from South Dakota!

WATER BAPTISM BEEBE LAKE - JULY 12TH

Our next opportunity for Baptism will be on Sunday, July 12th following the morning services at Beebe Lake! Scan the QR code to learn more and to sign up!



PERSONAL NOTES:

LIFE GROUPS:

CHECK OUT A LIFE GROUP!

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

Reading Between The Lines // Week 4

*"Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near." **Matthew 4:17***

*"The Kingdom of God is near!" **Luke 10:11***

Lessons of the Kingdom of God:

1. Everybody has a KINGDOM.

*You will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground. **Genesis 1:26***

2. The Kingdom of God is where God RULES & REIGNS.

*The Lord has made the heavens his throne; from there he rules over everything. **Psalms 103:19***

*May your Kingdom come, may your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. **Matthew 6:10***

3. The Kingdom of God CONTRADICTS earthly kingdoms.

*"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field." **Matthew 13:44***

*"For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost." **Luke 19:10***

IMPORTANT QUESTION:

"Do you see the VALUE of God's Kingdom?"

*Satan, who is the god of this world, has **blinded** the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. **2 Corinthians 4:4***

*"Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!" **Matthew 13:45-46***

*Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. **Matthew 6:33***

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

These questions are designed to help groups discuss the weekend teaching while building relationships with each other and growing in our faith!

June 18th / 21st, 2026

1

WARM UP

1. Have you ever discovered something valuable unexpectedly? What happened?

2. The message defined a kingdom as “wherever you rule and reign”. How does that definition help you better understand Jesus’ teaching about the Kingdom of God?

2

KNOW IT

1. Read **Matthew 13:44-46**. What similarities do you notice between the two stories?

2. Read **Philippians 3:7-8**. How does Paul’s attitude reflect the same truth Jesus teaches in the parables of the treasure and the pearl?

3. Read **Matthew 16:24-26**. What does Jesus mean by “Gain the world and lose your soul”? What would it look like in practical terms to “give up your own way, and take up your cross daily”?

4. Read **Colossians 1:13-14**. What does it mean to be transferred from one kingdom to another? How should that affect the way we live?

5. Read **1 Peter 2:9-12**. How should citizens of God’s Kingdom stand out in the way they live, love, and serve?

3

SHARE IT

1. Do you relate more to the man who unexpectedly found treasure or the merchant who was actively searching? Why? How did God get your attention?

2. What have you discovered about following Jesus that is more valuable than expected?

3. Are there areas of your life where you find yourself resisting God’s rule and reign? What makes those areas difficult to surrender?

4. When you think about the “kingdom” you’re building with your time, energy, and resources, what does it reveal about your priorities?

4

LIVE IT

1. What is your biggest personal takeaway or “aha moment” from this message?

2. What is one practical way you can seek God’s Kingdom first this week?

3. Is there a relationship, habit, decision, or situation where God may be inviting you to choose His way over your own?

4. What would it look like for God’s rule and reign to become more evident in your home, workplace, or daily routine?