Weekend Message Questions
The Kingdom, Week 5: Living for the Kingdom
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READ: Matthew 7:1–5, 7–12

DISCUSS:

- Jesus warns us about noticing the "speck" in someone else's eye while ignoring the "plank" in our own. Why is it often easier to see someone else's shortcomings than to acknowledge our own?
- How can we address something that is wrong in another person's life while still approaching them with humility, truth, and grace? What does it look like to extend the grace we've received?

READ: Matthew 7:13–23

DISCUSS:

- Jesus describes the narrow road as the way that leads to life. Where might following Jesus require you to choose a harder or less popular path, such as forgiveness, integrity, or generosity?
- Jesus says we recognize a tree by its fruit. What kind of fruit might reveal that someone is genuinely being shaped by Jesus? How can we stay connected to Him so that this fruit grows in our own lives?

READ: Matthew 7:24–29

DISCUSS:

- Both builders heard Jesus' words and both experienced storms, but only one house stood. What is the difference between hearing Jesus' teaching and putting it into practice?
- When storms or difficult circumstances come, what helps you keep building your life on Jesus and His words rather than on something less secure?

APPLY: This week, read the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7), asking Jesus, "Am I simply hearing Your words, or am I building my life on them?" Identify one gap between what you believe and how you live, and take one practical step to act on it. Also, live out the Golden Rule by serving, inviting, listening to, or meeting a need for a neighbor, coworker, or classmate.

PRAYER TIME: Share prayer requests related to the heart, healing, spiritual growth, or personal circumstances. Pray for one another to extend grace, trust the Father, choose the way of Jesus, and put His words into practice in your communities.

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