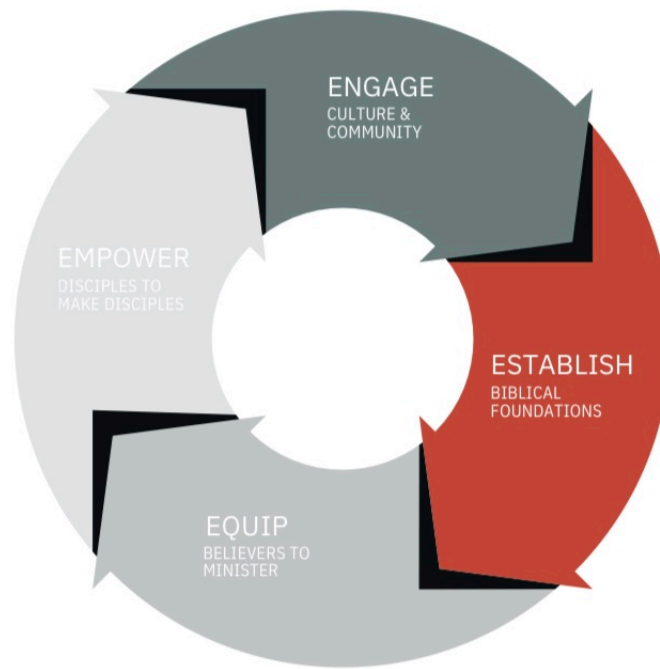


The mission of Rise Up Church is to raise disciples, empower families, and revitalize neighborhoods by the transformational power of the gospel. At Rise Up Church, our discipleship rhythm shapes how we live and expressed in four key movements that we call the 4E's. It is all about following Jesus and helping others do the same.



The purpose of our Koinonia Gatherings is to establish people in biblical foundations by building Christ-centered connections. We believe the Scriptures teaches that life change happens best in community, as we grow together in God's Word and are led by the Holy Spirit.

Below, you'll find a sermon-based guide from the most recent sermon to help lead a Rise Up Church Koinonia Gathering, along with a five day devotional designed to help you apply the sermon throughout the week.

Koinonia Gathering Notes & 5-Day Devotional

Memory Verse: Matthew 4:17 – "From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"

Summary: In Matthew 4:17–25, we see the launch of Jesus' public ministry. His first proclamation, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," is both a call to turn from sin and a hope-filled invitation to turn toward Him. The King's arrival means the rule and reign of God is breaking into the world in a new and personal way. Jesus not only announces this Kingdom, He embodies it—calling ordinary people to follow Him, laying down their security and identity for a new life with Him. The passage also shows the power of the Kingdom through Jesus' teaching, proclamation, and healing. This same Kingdom call, presence, and power are available to us today. We are invited to turn toward the King, follow Him closely, and live in His restoring power.

Koinonia Gathering Notes

Theme: The Kingdom Has Come

Text: Matthew 4:17–25

Main Idea: Jesus proclaims the Kingdom, calls us to follow Him, and invites us to experience His power.

Icebreaker Question: If you were invited to be part of any "kingdom" or movement in the world today, which would you choose and why? How do you think God's Kingdom is different?

1. The Proclamation of Jesus (v. 17) – What does biblical repentance mean? How is it different from simply feeling bad? Why is repentance actually good news? Read Luke 15:11–32. How does the Father's response to the prodigal son show God's heart for repentant people?

2. The Presence of Jesus (vv. 18–22) – What do you think the disciples gave up when they left their nets? What might be a 'net' you are holding onto that Jesus is asking you to lay down? How has following Jesus brought you more joy than you expected?

3. The Power of Jesus (vv. 23–25) – Why do you think Jesus both taught and healed in His ministry? Have you ever experienced Jesus' power in your own life? How can we be conduits of His power and compassion to others this week?

Prayer Focus: Pray that we would turn toward Jesus with joy, have courage to lay down our nets, and faith to believe for and walk in His Kingdom power.

Next Step Challenge: Identify one way to bring the presence and power of Jesus into someone's life this week—through prayer, encouragement, service, or sharing your testimony.

5-Day Devotional Plan – “The Kingdom Has Come”

Day 1 – The King’s Proclamation

Read: Matthew 4:17, Acts 20:21

Reflect: Jesus begins His ministry with a call to repent. Repentance isn’t just turning away from sin; it’s turning toward the King. What might Jesus be calling you to turn from today?

Pray: Lord, help me see what I need to release so I can fully embrace You.

Day 2 – The King’s Call

Read: Matthew 4:18–20, John 1:35–42

Reflect: Peter and Andrew left their nets immediately. They weren’t losing their lives; they were finding a better one. What is your ‘net’ that might be keeping you from following fully?

Pray: Jesus, give me courage to leave behind anything that keeps me from You.

Day 3 – The King’s Presence

Read: Matthew 4:21–22, Matthew 28:20

Reflect: When Jesus calls, He also promises His presence. How have you experienced His presence in your life?

Pray: Thank You, Lord, that I never walk alone. Make me aware of Your presence today.

Day 4 – The King’s Power

Read: Matthew 4:23–24, Isaiah 35:5–6

Reflect: Jesus’ Kingdom power restores the broken. Where do you need His healing, hope, or restoration today?

Pray: Jesus, I bring You my needs and trust You to work in Your way and time.

Day 5 – The King’s Invitation

Read: Matthew 4:25, Revelation 21:1–5

Reflect: The crowds followed Jesus because He brought life and hope. Who around you needs to hear about or experience His Kingdom through you this week?

Pray: Lord, use me as Your hands and feet to bring Your Kingdom to others.