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Transformed by the Truth: Questions for Personal and Group Reflection on the Sunday Sermon and Scripture

Icebreaker: Have you ever been in a foreign country and visited your home country's embassy while there? If so, share.

1. Discuss the biblical theme of God's kingdom in the Scripture from Genesis to Revelation (for help see www.gotquestions.org/kingdom-of-God.html) and our hope for Christ to return and literally bring this Kingdom from heaven to the earth.

Since the fulfillment of God's Kingdom awaits the return of Christ, discuss Jesus' teaching to His disciples to expectantly pray for the Kingdom to come (see Matthew 6:9–13 and Luke 11:2–4). Further, read 1 John 3:2–3 and discuss how personally this hope of Christ's return and His Kingdom arriving serves today in drawing you in hope and purity.
 Building on the last question and topic of hope, have you ever personally been so discouraged, depressed, and/or confused that you lost hope in a situation or person, which at the time felt like it was going to absolutely crush you, but God faithfully carried you through? If something comes to mind, please share about the experience and God's work in sanctifying you through it. (On this note, maybe you are going through such a heavy and hopeless season right now, so if you are please make sure to share and pray together).

4. How does the metaphor of embassy and ambassadorship that we studied on Sunday impact our walk with God and witness of Him in this life? Personally and practically, how does it serve to call you to action? What can you do in your life to be a better ambassador for Christ? Share.
5. In 2 Corinthians 5:2 the Apostle Paul spoke about the love of Christ controlling the believer. Experientially, how do you feel God's love for you and how does it control or sustain you in life, drawing you in repentance, faith, service, love, witness, and worship?
6. Please share your big take-aways from the sermon and prayer requests for the week ahead and commit to praying for one another.