

MATTHEW 6:10

HERE & NOW IN MY LIFE

ENTERING THE KINGDOM REQUIRES SURRENDERING TO THE KING'S CALL

- Read Matthew 6:10 and 5:1-3. What is the kingdom of heaven/God? Why is the kingdom sometimes called the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God?
- Read Matthew 5:1-3. What does it mean to be poor in spirit, and why is that a requirement for entrance into the kingdom of heaven/God?
- Discuss this statement: "The kingdom of heaven/God is an already, but not yet, reality."
- Talk about when you entered God's Kingdom. How did God draw you to Himself and how did you respond?

EXPERIENCING THE KINGDOM REQUIRES OBEYING THE KING'S COMMANDS

- Read Matthew 5:4-12. The beatitudes have often been called the "attitudes that ought to be" in a Christian. Why are the beatitudes essential for life in God's kingdom in the here and now?
- Read Matthew 6:33. What does it mean to seek first the Kingdom of God?
- Is it possible to enter God's kingdom, but not experience it? How should/can Christians experience the fullness of God's kingdom in the here and now (e.g. Matthew 13:44)?

EXPANDING THE KINGDOM REQUIRES FULFILLING THE KING'S COMMISSION

- The Bible has one subject, which is the glory of God through the advancement of His kingdom. What is the primary way God has chosen to advance His Kingdom? (e.g. Matthew 16:18; 24:14; 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Philippians 1:27)
- Jesus gave us the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-39) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)? Why are both essential for expanding God's kingdom?
- How are you doing when it comes to helping expand God's kingdom? Where do you need to change/grow to be more faithful to the Great Commandment and Great Commission?