



## Sermon Discussion Guide

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### Key Scriptures:

*Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God?"*

- Mark 12:24

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

- John 1:1-5, 14

*Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.*

- Hebrews 4:11-13

*He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.*

- Revelation 19:13

### Message Highlights:

- Jesus gives us an invitation to walk in life-changing ways as we engage in eternity now.
- God is no stranger to our problem and our opportunity of journeying between two kingdoms; his very life revealed to us how to experience eternity now.
- It's not just about reading scripture, but about the posture in which you read it.
- The Kingdom of Heaven is what gives us rest in a highly demanding world.

### Conversation Starter:

Have you ever tried to do the splits? What was your experience, or what do you imagine your experience would be?! How does that imagery relate to how it can feel to navigate two kingdoms: the kingdom of this world and the Kingdom of Heaven?



**Discuss the Message:**

1. We read a marvelous truth about the Word of God in John 1:14; discuss your reaction to this truth and the shocking aspects of it that may refuel your awe and reverence for God.
  - a. How does the exercise of reflecting on a passage of scripture, such as John 1:14, provide rest for your soul that you cannot find anywhere else?
  - b. According to Hebrews 11:12, the Word of God is “sharper than any two-edged sword”. How might the posture we take while reading scripture affect our experience and belief of such a verse?
2. Read Mark 12:28-34; in what ways does Jesus’ life reveal to us how to experience eternity now? Feel free to use examples from other places in scripture as well.
  - a. How would you explain to a non-believer the importance of why we choose to walk well between two kingdoms: the kingdom of this world and the Kingdom of Heaven?
  - b. In Mark 12:34, Jesus said to the scribe that he is not far from the Kingdom of God. What does this interaction reveal about what we as followers of Christ should be most focused on?
3. What is Jesus’ remark in Mark 12:24? How are knowing the scriptures and knowing the power of God connected?
  - a. How specifically has reading scriptures helped you navigate both the kingdoms of heaven and this world?
  - b. What posture have you found to be helpful in communing with the Lord, whether standing, sitting, kneeling or otherwise?

**Pray:**

*Father God, it is a privilege to come before your throne and to read your living and active Word each day! God, we admit that the power of your Word is sometimes lost on us. We humbly ask that you would help us to re-engage with your Word today; to be moved by it, convicted by it and changed by it. Father, we love you! Help us to steward wisely the Word you’ve given us. Amen.*