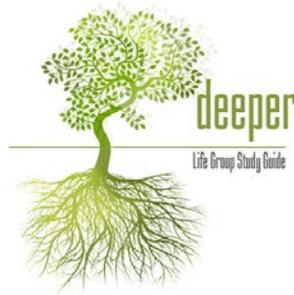


## Deeper The Kingdom: Kingdom Mentality Part 1



### Welcome (You to Me, Me to You)

1. Share with the group a highlight and a lowlight of your week.

### Worship (Us to God)

Listen to the song, "Build your Kingdom Here" by Rend Collective. Then, after the song is over, lift up simple prayers of gratitude to God for the hope, promise and blessings that come as we find ourselves in the thrust of God's here and coming Kingdom!

### Word (God to Us)

1. Read Luke 4:1 – 21. Why is what Jesus says about Himself in verse 21 such a big deal?

2. What is the spiritual significance of Jesus' temptation in the desert *before* he announced to the world Who He was and that He was coming to establish God's Kingdom?

3. This weekend we learned a phrase that is often used when describing God's kingdom: *already* and *not yet*. From the reading above as well as from the weekend message, how does this phrase prove true?

What does the tension of a Kingdom that is both *already* and *not yet* mean for us as Christians?

4. How does a Kingdom Mentality change your perspective on life, especially in the hard times?

*We're talking about Christ and the kingdom He came to usher in - one that is entered at salvation; one that enters us at salvation and is found within us.*

5. John 3:2-3, and John 3:5 what does Jesus tell Nicodemus he must do to enter the Kingdom of God?

Testimony Time: This weekend we heard, *We are part of something far larger than our congregation, our community or even our nation. We are part of God's kingdom across the globe and down through the generations.* We know that God's Kingdom is about so much more than ourselves. How has your involvement in RLCC given you more opportunities to see and experience God's Kingdom?

6. Consider and discuss: how can a follower of Christ can experience more or less of God's Kingdom?

How might you take greater strides in aligning your life, your goals, and your dreams with the Kingdom of God (that is: to have a true Kingdom Mentality)?

7. Is there anything in your life that seems to hinder you or prevent you from a Kingdom Mentality at this time? How might we stand with you in prayer?

### Response (Us to the World)

Take some time to pray together. Pray for those challenging, hurting, and broken areas of our lives where we long to see God's Kingdom come full of healing, regeneration, and power. Spend some time praying too for those in our lives who are not yet experiencing the power of God's love. We know that entering God's Kingdom begins at the moment of salvation. Pray God's Kingdom would come into the lives of those we know and love who are far from Him. (Remember to use the list we made last week.)