

Deeper
The Kingdom: The Kingdom of Heaven
Part 3



Welcome (You to Me, Me to You)

1. Share a time someone showed you lavish attention or unwarranted generosity. What happened and how did you feel?

Worship (Us to God)

Go around and list things you are thankful for in your life. Say quick things like “My job” or “Having a day to hangout with my family”. You don’t have to list everything at once but make sure you list a few things.

*Group Leader or Host, spend some time thanking and praising God for all the ways He has provided and blessed you. These don’t have to be long prayers, just “Thank you for _____”.

Word (God to Us)

1. Read Matthew 20:1 – 16. Do you think what the boss did was fair? Why or why not?

2. What point do you think Jesus is trying to get across with this parable? If Jesus told you this parable directly, how would you interrupt what he was saying?

3. In the parable the workers that had been there all day grumbled and complained. In what ways do we react this way today?

4. Read verses 13 – 16 again. We know that the purpose of this parable is to explain God’s Kingdom. What is Jesus revealing to us in these verses about His Kingdom?

5. Jesus says, “So the last will be first and the first will be last.” Read Philippians 2:1 – 11 and discuss how Jesus sets the example of the last being first and the first being last?

6. How else are the principles of the Kingdom of God drastically different from the way the world operates? What makes God’s Kingdom so different from the world?

7. Considering the Christ-followers you respect and love best, how have you seen Kingdom-minded thinking transform their lives? How has God used the way they live and spend their lives to impact others?

8. How does living our lives according to God’s Kingdom principles give *purpose* to our lives? Why does this Kingdom-purpose matter?

Response (Us to the World)

Divide the group by men and women. Spend some time praying for one another. Pray that issues of self-interest, fairness, and right and wrong according to the world’s standards would fall to the wayside of importance in our hearts and minds and that we would be totally transformed into Kingdom-minded people. Pray for a new move of God’s Spirit in our lives that we might orient our thinking around generosity, selflessness, sacrifice and love as we follow the example of our Servant-King.