

## Deeper

### The Kingdom: Bringing God's Kingdom to Earth Part 4



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

1. Share a good experience you've had being part of a team. What made it a good experience?

#### Worship (Us to God)

Please read Psalm 92:1 – 5. Then, express simple prayers of thankfulness, gratitude, and joy for who God is or something He has recently done in your life.

#### Word (God to Us)

1. We've spent the last four weeks learning and discussing about the Kingdom of God. Please share something that has encouraged or inspired you to live a Kingdom-focused story? As a result of this series have you made any changes big or small in how you live?

2. Place a small plastic cup of water on a table in the middle of the group. Then, have one brave volunteer attempt to take a drink of the water using ONLY his or her mouth (no cheating!). Then, read Romans 12:4 – 5 and reflect on the necessity of the various members of the Body. What does this teach us about the Body of Christ (also known as "the Church")?

3. How *essential* really is each member of the body? If this is true, what does it mean for us in terms of how we *show up*?

4. In Matthew 28:18 – 20 Jesus makes it clear what the point, objective, or mission of the Church is. Please read this text and, in your own words, share what we as the Church are called to do?

5. What about the Great Commission is new (or challenging) to you? When you read Jesus' words here, how does it make you feel? Excited? Hopeful? Intimidated? Fearful? Please share.

6. If you were to take this passage and apply it to the following groups, what would it look like (as you share, please be specific and practical):

\*Your family (What does it look like for your family to go into all nations and make disciples?)

\*This Life Group (What does it look like for this group to work together as a Body to reach others for Christ?)

\*RLCC (What part does RLCC play in the community and world in bringing the gospel to the nations?)

7. Please read 1 Corinthians 12:12 – 17. The context of this passage is in a discussion of Spiritual Gifts. How might our unique and God-given spiritual gifts empower and encourage us to play our part in the Body of Christ?

8. Have you ever taken a Spiritual Gifts Inventory? If so, please share with this group what you know about yourself. If not, perhaps one or more people in this group could speak to the gifts they've noticed God using in you. (Spiritual gifts include: administration, apostleship, discernment, evangelism, exhortation, faith, giving, healing, interpretation of tongues, knowledge, leadership, mercy, miracles, pastor / shepherd, prophecy, serving, teaching, tongues, wisdom...)

#### Response (Us to the World)

We don't have to look far at the world around us to see the desperate need for the Church, the Body of Christ, to rise up and take her place. Spend some time now in groups no more than four praying intercessory prayers for ourselves and the Christ-followers we know to find our joy and fulfillment in serving Jesus, the Head of the Church, by living our lives for His Kingdom and His pleasure!