

Kingdom Come Midpoint

A study for Community Groups to use the week of October 25th

To prepare for your group discussion each week, group members should use the **Series Guide** below along with the foundational questions we ask each week.

Mark 4:1-20

Overview

Mark doesn't just tell us what Jesus did; he shows us who Jesus is in a way that forces us to rethink the world we're living in and the stories we're being sold every day.

Icebreaker Question of the Week

"Throughout Kingdom Come we want to be intentional about creating space for deeper reflection and meaningful conversations. These weekly icebreakers are designed to connect with the themes of Kingdom Come, while also providing an example question that could be used outside the group to engage with neighbors, coworkers, or others in a way that can bridge a conversation making way to spiritual truths. Here's this week's question.

Week 2 - Effectively prioritizing the right things is always difficult. In every season. What do you feel disconnects or distracts you from what is most important?

Questions

*In the Series Guide you will find basic questions we want all to use as they begin to look at the passage. Questions such as; *Who have you had the opportunity to BLESS this week? What does this passage reveal about God? About people? About the life He has planned for us?* These additional questions relate to the passage specifically for your benefit.

1. In Mark 4:13–17, Jesus describes two different soils that prevent the Word from taking root. What do these soils reveal about the things that can keep us from receiving and growing in God's Word? How might these struggles show up in our own lives?
2. Jesus warns that “the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things” (Mark 4:19) can choke out the Word. How can even good things become obstacles to spiritual growth? What are some signs that something good has begun taking priority over your relationship with Jesus?
3. Jesus describes good soil as those who “hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop” (Mark 4:20). What does this tell us about what Jesus wants to see happen in our lives? What's one area where you know what Jesus is asking of you, but struggle to actually live it out?