



## LEADER PAGE | The Kingdom| WEEK 1 of 4 | Sermon date: October 17, 2021

**Discipleship Phrase:** We are called to the kingdom.

**Big Idea for Series:** God's will, God's reign, God's way

### **Abiding** *(grow as a disciple yourself)*

Jesus says this in the Lord's prayer, "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done." If you recall, back in September we did a sermon series on this very topic. What does it mean to bring God's kingdom here? What is God's heart behind that and how does that even look in your life, both personally and professionally? Be intentional this week by setting aside some specific time (doesn't have to be long, start with just 5 minutes) to think through these questions and how you would answer them specifically.

### **Leading** *(facilitate your group effectively)*

God's kingdom seems like such a broad and abstract concept to most of us however we can simplify it this week by defining it as "the will, the reign and the way of God". It's sounds simple yet living it out practically can be a challenging task due to the desires we have to extend and build up our own kingdoms. Too easily we bend to OUR will, seek OUR reign and OUR way over God's. We can all relate because we've all been there at some point. This week's heart question (#2) is framed around what we're willing to lose from our own "kingdom" to bring more of God's kingdom here. A great way to round the discussion out for the "hands" question (#3), is to ask your group members to consider ways they could serve at church, both individually and as a group potentially.

### **Shepherding** *(know, feed, lead, and protect the sheep)*

At the end of the day, part of your role as the shepherd for the group is to set the example, be available to guide and answer questions, and provide a listening ear for the people in your care. Spend time in prayer this week both about what you currently are doing to bring the kingdom to earth, but also how God would lead you into new, meaningful, and life-giving opportunities. Where do you find yourself stuck? What are the things of this world that are difficult to rid yourself of that could potentially be keeping you from making a bold step onto a different path?

### **Church Announcements** *(be in the know & share with your group)*

Spiritual growth is the aim of all Life Groups. A great way to grow spiritually is to shift from being focused on self and to begin being more others focused. One way to do that is to serve within your local church. Are you currently serving in some capacity? Challenge yourself and your group to serve regularly. There are several opportunities to get plugged into serving, like the Family Ministries team! Email [christina.nagel@southeastcc.org](mailto:christina.nagel@southeastcc.org) if you're interested!

**REMEMBER: "Every group deserves a great leader."**



# LifeGroups

## at Southeast

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**Welcome/Introductions** (*creating a relational environment starts here; be friendly & acknowledge everyone*)

**Open in Prayer** (*kickoff every group gathering with honoring the Lord*)

**Ice Breaker, God Moments, or Highs & Lows** (*choose one that is best for your group this week*)

**Weekly Vision Checklist** (*See Flipbook re: announcements, the “why”, goal, outreach, guidelines, & branching*)

**Ask a Hook Question** (*a thought-provoking question to get the group heading in the right direction*) Have you ever visited another country and how were their customs different?

**Recap the Message** (*ask a couple people to share what stood out to them in this week’s message*)

**Scriptures References** (*Read scriptures **directly from the Bible**—it carries its own authority*)

**Ex.** 8:16-19 (ESV), **Lk.** 11:14-20 (ESV), **Ex.** 15:1 (ESV), **Ex.** 15:20-21 (ESV), **Mt .6:**9-15 (ESV)

**Implications** (*takeaways from the message*)

1. When we do hard things spiritually, we extend the rule and reign of God here on earth.
2. Living in the Kingdom of God is less about where we go to church and more about allowing God to rule in our hearts.
3. Our commitment to the Lord is best demonstrated in how we treat others.
4. When we are obedient and allow God to reign in our hearts, he expands his reign into the hearts of people around us. This is how we partner with the Kingdom.

**Discussion Questions** (*going beyond the surface*)

1. What does the kingdom mean to you? How does your definition compare with God’s?
2. What does it mean to expand the kingdom (the will, reign, and way) of God in your day to day?
3. What is this group doing to expand the kingdom? Or what can this group do to expand the kingdom going forward?

**Prayer Requests** (*record, share, and follow up throughout the week. Use the LEAD App or CCB if possible.*)

**Closing Prayer** (*ask openly for a volunteer, encourage your people to step outside of their comfort zone regularly*)

