

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

'KINGDOM' SERIES GOALS

- >> Paint a vision of just how good the gospel is - because it is about the King, His kingdom, and our participation within that kingdom through discipleship.
- >> You will be captured/re-captured by this vision, and compelled to wholeheartedly follow Jesus.
- >> Equip each of us as we disciple others.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Check out Scott's message from Sunday 28 March, **the next sermon in our 'Kingdom' series**. It is available on our [website and YouTube channel](#).



LIVING IT OUT

Fortnight starting Sunday 28 March

CONNECT: Welcome and celebrate together

PRACTICE: 'SEE' reflective activity [[PDF](#)] [[MP3](#)]

READ: Over the past 5 sermons in this series we have travelled over 1000 years along the storyline of human history and the kingdom. See over the page for the Bible verses to read, to recap Term 1...

DISCUSS:

1. What patterns have you noticed in the story?
2. What have you learnt about humanity?
3. What have you learnt about God?
4. How might God want the big story to shape your own story as a disciple?

PRAY:

- Lord, what part of my life are you inviting / challenging me to put Jesus as King?
- Lord, how can I participate / cooperate with you in expanding your kingdom, in my home/family, school/workplace, community neighbourhood?

More Discipleship Resources

For more reading and reflection, go to: grlc.org.au/discipleship-resources/



BIBLE VERSES TO READ:

Genesis 1:26-28: Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. **Rule** over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Genesis 3: 1-5: Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Genesis 12: 1-3: The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and **all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.**"

Exodus 19:3-6: Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, **you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

Judges 2:10: After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up **who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel.**

1 Samuel 8:4-5: So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; **now appoint a king to lead us**, such as all the other nations have."

2 Samuel 7:16: (*speaking of David's kingdom*) "Your house and **your kingdom will endure forever** before me; your throne will be established forever."

Isaiah 9:6-7: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. **He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom**, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Matthew 21:6-11: The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "**Hosanna to the Son of David!**" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

