

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 25 April, **the next sermon in our 'Kingdom' series**. It is available on our [website and YouTube channel](#).



LIVING IT OUT

Fortnight starting Sunday 25 April

CONNECT: Welcome and celebrate together

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

READ: Matthew 3:13-17 (Baptism of Jesus) and Matthew 4:1-11 (Temptation of Jesus)

Jesus lived out of a profound sense of His identity. We either live from our identity or for our identity.

DISCUSS:

(1) "This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased."
What effect do you think these words had on Jesus?

(2) What is your gut-level response to these questions:

>> I feel more in touch with God when ...?

>> (*Read the summary from the sermon, over the page*) When I reflect on my identity in Christ and God's love for me personally, I am ...?

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/



YOUR KINGDOM IDENTITY

The Spirit tells us who we are.

Jesus uses this phrase, "the Spirit of truth," several times in John:

John 14:15-20: "If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever - the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you."

John 15:26: "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father - the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father - He will testify about me."

John 16:13: "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth."

Let's summarise this identity from the passages:

- I am loved, I belong to Christ, Christ is in me
- I am included, adopted into family with full status as a son/daughter
- I can approach God in the intimacy and security of a child to a good dad
- I have an everlasting inheritance in that family
- I am no longer defined by what I have, what I do, what I desire
- I am not defined by who people say I am, or am not
- I am not ruled by fear because His love drives it out
- I am royalty, I have dignity, I am genuinely and completely loved
- I have a purpose in His kingdom and power and authority to walk it out
- My destiny is to share in His Glory

We have to get this truth deep down into our core and keep it there.

They're not just propositions.

