



Title: **What Kingdom Are You Part of?**

Date: July 4, 2021

WORSHIP: Sing one or two songs (either from You Tube, or someone leading worship). If you're in a public place, café or on video messaging, three to four people can share testimonies of answered prayers.
Q: What are you thankful to God about this past week?

WELCOME: Intro: Jesus came not to start a religion but he came to establish His Kingdom. This Kingdom is the restoration of God's rule in the lives of men and women on earth and how He wants to use us to influence the world around us.
Ice Breaker: "Church Signs Humor" 1. "Free trip to Heaven—details inside." 2. "Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin-Robbins". 3. "Have trouble sleeping? We have sermons—come hear one!" 4. "We care about you—Sundays 10am only." (Source: Unknown—Ministry 127.com)

Text:
"He has delivered us from the power of darkness and [a] conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins." Colossians 1:13-14
Quote:
 "The reason you need a full comprehension of the Kingdom of God is because it not only affects you, but also it is the key to understanding the Bible. The central theme that unifies the Bible is the glory of God and the advancement of His Kingdom... the Kingdom is God's comprehensive rule over all creation. So the agenda of the Kingdom is the visible manifestation of the comprehensive rule of God over every area of life." *Tony Evans— Warfare*

WORD & Discussion Questions:
1. We were delivered by Christ from the Kingdom of Darkness to the Kingdom of God. (Read the text: Colossians 1:13-14)
Q: Describe your life before you came to Christ. What situation led you to surrender your life to Him?
2. We are the temple of God and Paul wants us to live our lives according to the principles of God's commands. 16 *And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you[c] are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people."* 2 Corinthians 6:16
Q: How do you feel about the words of Paul telling us that "we are the temple of God" or that Christ is living in us?
Q: What assurance do you have that Christ is truly dwelling inside you?
3. We belong to Christ upon putting our faith in Him and therefore we are to turn away from all forms of wickedness and sins so that we can be useful in the Kingdom of God.
 (Read the text: 2 Timothy 2:19-21)
Q: What area in your life are you still struggling about? (Note: Stress confidentiality and trust within the group.)
Q: How are you coping with struggles with regards to sin and temptations? Was there a point in time you almost gave up?
Conclusion: (Read the text: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22 NIV)
 Celebrating communion is an act of fully embracing Christ as our Lord and Saviour and living in covenant relationship with Him. Therefore, we should stay away from anything that brings us into participation or relationship with the devil. Now is the time to draw the line by making a full devotion of ourselves to Christ and renounce all fellowship and connection with sin and the devil.

Leader's Notes:
 1. Start and end on time.
 2. Facilitate discussions.
 3. Give all attendees opportunities to share. Encourage participation.
 4. Remind everyone that whatever shared in the group will be kept within the group.
 5. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit if there's someone who you can lead to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior and be born

WORK: The Challenge & Closing prayer
Q: How can we pray for you today?
Q: What specific spiritual struggles are you needing freedom from?
Q: Do you know of specific people in your life you want to experience a spiritual encounter with Jesus Christ?
 Please take time in your smaller groups to pray for one another. If there are people with specific needs in the group, take time to lift them to God in prayer.