

# Life in the KINGDOM

## **Part 1: The Gospel Jesus Proclaimed**

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*Digging Deeper* this week...

**BiG iDEa:** Jesus invites me to experience the good news of the kingdom.

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Everyone worships. We're wired for it. But what or whom are we worshipping? Set aside some *time* throughout this week to read and reflect on what God's word says on the subject from the Bible passages below. Some questions are provided for you or a small group of friends to provide focus for your reflection. Before your start: Breathe, pray, ask the Holy Spirit for help.

### **Identify**

On Sunday, Doug said that *there are a lot of people in our country and world who think the Bible is an unreliable book... filled with rules and stories that have been changes and misinterpreted over the centuries.* How do you respond to this statement? What are some of your personal biases or assumptions about the Bible?

### **Read**

*Scriptures to grow by...* John 1:1-15; Matthew 4:13-25, Mark 1:14-28; Ephesians 3:14-21; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 119:105.

### **Reflect**

1. What words, phrases or ideas stand out to you from the Bible readings you read today? How do these passages help you understand the good news of the kingdom as Jesus proclaimed it?
2. How do these words, phrases or ideas connect with your everyday life? What do they lead you to think or to do?
3. Doug said that repentance is not simply about *being sorry for sin and promising to do better next time. It's about getting an entirely different way of thinking about the way things work in the world from God's point of view.* How do you respond to this? What might Jesus want to say to you about this?

### **Respond**

*Moving forward...* If it's true that supernatural things still happen when the good news of God's kingdom is proclaimed, what might you want to ask Jesus concerning this? What might he want to know or experience with him as you walk with him in his kingdom now, today?