

# Life in the KINGDOM

## Part 3: Kingdom Effects -02

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*Digging Deeper* this week...

**BiG iDEa:** Jesus invites me to experience the same effects of community as indicated in the Bible.

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Kingdoms. Governing institutions. Hidden powers. Personal agendas. Set aside some *time* throughout this week to read and reflect on what God's word says about His kingdom in contrast to our own. 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

How would you describe the relationships in your inner circle (close, distant, detached, growing, stagnant)? How does this make you feel?

### Read

*Scriptures to grow by...* Isaiah 49:5-7; Psalm 90:12-17; 2 Peter 1:3-11; Luke 6:12-19; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12.

### 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 your need for intentional relationships that assist your growth with God?
2. How do these words, phrases or ideas connect with your everyday life? What do they lead you to think or to do?
3. On Sunday, Doug shared a thought from Henri Nouwen: "If we do not hear and believe God's voice that says to you, 'you are my beloved' then we will look for someone else in our relationships to make us feel that way." How do you respond to this statement? Is there anything you would like to say to Jesus about this? Is there something He might be saying to you?

### Respond *(Soul-Work)*

*Moving forward...* When we can "forgive" another person for what they cannot give, we can celebrate them for the gift of who they are as a human being and a fellow student of Christ. Take some time this week to practice forgiving and celebrating a current or new relationship that the Lord is moving you to invest in.