

KINGDOM COME

HEAVEN, HERE AND NOW

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Part 2: What Comes First?



CONVERSATION GUIDE



SMALL GROUPS

Our *“Kingdom Come”* series invites us to live under God’s rule—not only as a spiritual confession, but as a practical reality that transforms our daily priorities. When we pray, “Your Kingdom come,” we are declaring that God is King and that His will takes first place in our lives, above our worries, desires, or fears.

In the sermon *“What Comes First?”*, Jesus confronts us with a key question: What truly governs our decisions? In **Matthew 6:31–33**, He does not minimize our needs, but He does redefine the proper order. The Kingdom of God is not an addition to our lives; it is the starting point. Living aligned with the King requires clear priorities and a daily decision to put God first.

So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:31–33 (NIV)



TALK ABOUT IT

1. According to **Matthew 6:31–33**, what things usually take first place in our daily worries?
2. What is the difference between seeking the Kingdom first and simply asking God to bless our plans?
3. Jesus promises provision, but He conditions it on order. Why do you think order is so important to God?

4. Let's read **Joshua 24:14–15 (NIV)**: *“Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness... But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”* What practical decisions today reveal who we are truly serving?

True alignment requires clear priorities.

MAKE IT PRACTICAL

What you seek first does three things:

- **Establishes who is king:** Identify a recurring concern and deliberately surrender it to God before making decisions about it. Evaluate what occupies most of your mental attention: God, your to-do list, or distractions.
- **Determines whom you serve:** Set aside specific time in your schedule for God (don't leave it for “when you have time”). Practice intentional generosity as a way of declaring that you serve God.
- **Reveals whom you honor:** Review a recent decision (financial, relational, or work-related) and ask yourself: Did I honor God, or was it simply convenient? Consider joining the 21 days of fasting and prayer as an act of surrender and dependence on God.

PRAYER

“Lord, today we recognize that many times we have placed other things before Your Kingdom. Forgive us for living misaligned with Your will. We declare You as King of our lives and choose to seek You first. Help us order our priorities, serve You with integrity, and honor You in everything we do. May Your Kingdom govern our decisions this week. In Jesus' name. Amen.”

TIPS

- Don't try to change everything at once; start by establishing one clear priority.
- Remember that seeking the Kingdom first does not eliminate responsibilities—it changes who rules over them.
- What you put first today will determine the direction of your life tomorrow.



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