

KINGDOM COME

HEAVEN, HERE AND NOW

Bridge City
CHURCH

Kingdom Come

Part 3: What Is Normal Here?



CONVERSATION GUIDE



SMALL GROUPS

With the *“Kingdom Come”* series, we begin to look beyond an individual faith and understand that the Kingdom of God establishes a new reality—a new way of living together in which His culture, His values, and His way of relating to one another become visible among us. The Kingdom is not limited to what we believe on Sundays; it is revealed in what we consider “normal” as a community.

1 Peter 2:9–10 reminds the church of who they are in Christ. The identity affirmed in this passage is not merely personal; it is deeply communal. Peter speaks to a people, not to isolated individuals. So, what distinguishes the people of the Kingdom from the rest of the world? The answer is found in our shared identity, our common mission, and the way we walk together.

But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. “Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God’s people.”

1 Peter 2:9–10a (NLT)



TALK ABOUT IT

1. Peter describes a collective identity. How does this change the way we view the church and the Christian life?
2. According to the text, what is the purpose of being called by God and made His people?

3. Let's read **Ephesians 2:19 (NLT)**: "So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family." In what practical ways can the church reflect that it is a family and not just a group of people who meet together?

The Kingdom of God is not just a message we believe; it is a culture we live out together.

MAKE IT PRACTICAL

In the Kingdom, community is reflected in:

- **A shared identity:** This week, take time to remember and declare what God says about you. Avoid defining yourself—or others—only by roles, professions, or stages of life within the church.
- **A shared mission:** Before acting or speaking this week, ask yourself: Does this represent the Kingdom I serve? Look for a concrete opportunity to reflect the values of the Kingdom in your environment.
- **Shared burdens:** Be intentional about not hiding your struggles. Share at least one personal burden with someone in the group. Offer practical help to someone who is going through a difficult time (prayer, time, listening, or tangible support).

PRAYER

"Lord, thank You for calling us to be Your people and for giving us a new identity in You. Help us live as a true Kingdom community, where Your culture becomes what is normal. Teach us to walk together, to live on mission, and to carry one another's burdens. May our life in community reflect Your light and Your mercy to the world. Amen."

TIPS

- Remember that belonging to the Kingdom involves commitment to others, not just to God.
- Don't walk alone—spiritual growth happens best in community.
- Ask yourself each day: **Does the way I live reflect the culture of the Kingdom or the culture of the world?**



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