GROUP WARM UP

- 1. Tell the group about someone you think is great --- what are they like? What do you admire in them?
- 2. Pastor Rick talked about royalty and kings and kingdoms. Do you have a favorite story or fairy tale that has those elements?

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 3. We opened this week's message with the idea that Jesus teaching could be summarized in a word... What were the words you thought of when Pastor Rick brought that up?
- 4. Between the Old Testament and the New Testament God was quiet --- for over 400 years! Then came John the Baptist, the forerunner of the Messiah. What did he say was "at hand" in Matthew 3:2?
 - For more insight read Mark 1:13-14 Luke 4:43
- 5. Pastor Rick zeroed in on the idea that Jesus' focus was to usher in the Kingdom of God. What does that mean? Check out the following Scriptures for help: Psalm 22:28; Psalm 103:19; Psalm 145:11
- 6. We find a number of places in the Bible where Jesus teaches through a parable what the Kingdom of God is like... Let's read a few of those. In each one identify a principle or a truth you uncover. Matthew 13:31-32; 33; 44-46...
- 7. In the Kingdom we are encouraged to participate with the King to give up whatever it takes to be part of it, to serve, to pay any price... to expect big things. Rick encouraged us to participate in small ways, in big ways, in ANY way we can. Do you feel like you're doing that with your life? If so, in what ways? If not, what holds you back?

Action Step

Sit down this week with an online Bible and do a search for the Kingdom of God. Read through and pray about what you learn. Ask God to show you how you can live in light of His Kingdom come!

Closing Prayer

