



WEEKLY

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Thy Kingdom Come

The Source of It All

Matthew 13:1-9

That Jesus teaches his disciples to pray for the Kingdom of God to come and for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven tells us something incredibly important: Our life in Christ concerns not only a future but a present reality. In Christ, the Kingdom of God has come and continues to come into the world, and we are invited to bear witness to its arrival wherever we live, work, and play. In this sermon series, we invite you to consider what it might mean for you to seek first the Kingdom of God.

CHECK-IN

- Check in with each other using Table Topics (or other creative questions!)

EXPLORING THE SERMON

- What did you hear?
- What did you think or feel about what you heard?
- What is one thing you can take away from the sermon this week?

VERSES FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

"Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. He who has ears, let him hear." **Matthew 13:8-9.**

- Where would you like to find yourself in this parable? Which interpretation from Thomas' sermon resonated with where you are right now?
- Jesus seems to imply that part of living from the power of this parable has to do with our ability to listen. What are some practices that help you listen for God?
- How does this parable call the listener into participation? Discuss ways in which understanding this parable requires faith and obedience.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

- Spend a few minutes sharing prayer needs with each other before praying together.

Almighty God, we thank you for the teachings of your Word. Help us to identify the "stones" and "thorns" in our lives that prevent us from being fully engaged with You. Show us through faith and obedience how to encourage others to follow You wherever we live, work, and play. Amen.