

Your Kingdom Come

April 20 | Group Guide

Opening reflection on the build up to Easter Sunday (10 minutes).

- Did you have any moments that deepened your faith or helped you love Jesus more over the course of Holy Week? Explain.
- Did you go through the Holy Week prayer experience at the church last week? What station impacted you most? Share with your group any thoughts or takeaways.

Enter into a time of prayer of thanksgiving for what God has done in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

Scripture reading and large group discussion (15 minutes)

This week we're looking at **Matthew 28**. This chapter covers Jesus' resurrection, appearance to his disciples, and their subsequent commissioning.

Before you begin reading, encourage people to listen and read with their imaginations, putting themselves in the midst of the events. Invite them to mark moments or details that stand out to them.

Pray for receptive hearts. Then read **Matthew 28**.

Following that reading, ask these questions:

- What was it like to hear this entire passage read out loud in a single sitting?
- As you listened, what moments or details stood out to you in a fresh way?
- What insights or reminders came to light?

Spend a few moments in prayer as you end this section. Ask people to pray to God anything that resonated with them from this text.

Break into smaller groups for Scripture and small group discussion (25 minutes).

In groups of 3-4, discuss the following questions:

- In his sermon, Dan said that the resurrection of Jesus means multiple things: (1) That God loves and cares for us; (2) That our sins can be forgiven; (3) That we can have hope beyond the grave; and (4) That we should believe in Jesus. Which of these truths is what you most needed reiterated to you in this season of your life?
- Are there any areas of your life that prevent you from sensing God's care for you?
- Are there any sins holding you back lately from experiencing the love of your heavenly Father?

- Read **1 Corinthians 15:30-32**. How often do you think about life after death? How might the reality of life beyond the grave affect how you live now?
- On a scale of 1-10, how strong is your belief in Jesus? Explain. How might the resurrection of Jesus instill more trust and belief in him?
- How can you more effectively live out the reality that Jesus has been resurrected in your own life?

Conclude with prayer requests and prayer (5 minutes).

Share prayer requests with one another and pray for each other. Spend time thanking Jesus for His resurrection from the grave.