



Trans-*form* Notes

The Jesus Conspiracy The Kingdom of God

Reflect: (Spend time with God thinking about these statements or questions)

- ❖ Start by watching the DVD edited by Jude King and filmed by Jason Phillips (that's why it's not as good)

Interact: ***Use these questions only as needed, if there is enough to talk about without using these questions from Sunday, the video, and/or the daily practices allow those to shape the dialogue.

- ❖ After watching the video, what, if anything, do you find difficult or different from your previous understanding? Why?
 - ❖ How does it affect your understanding of the kingdom of God to think of it in terms of God's activity rather than as a territory or a destination when you die?
 - ❖ How is God's kingdom "upside-down" compared to this world? Who is most valuable in God's kingdom? (Read Matthew 5:3-12 and Matthew 18:1-5 and discuss.) Read John 17:3. When God invites us into the kingdom, what does he invite us into?
 - ❖ Read Matthew 6:9-10. Does it make sense to pray like this, "Our father who is in heaven, hallowed be thy name. May we go to heaven when we die? May you come and destroy all so we can be with you." What would it look like if everything that God wanted to happen were done here and now? What is our part in this?
 - ❖ What does it mean to live as a citizen in the kingdom of God? What are the benefits and the demands? Read Matthew 7:21-23 and 2 Timothy 2:3-4 for some ideas.
- ❖ Mark 1: 15 and Matthew 4:17. How is repentance a pre-requisite for entering into the kingdom? What is involved in repentance (turning away, going a different direction)? What are some competing desires you might have in giving up your kingdom for God's kingdom? Read Luke 11:15-20. How is a divided life not helpful in living in God's kingdom?
 - ❖ Read Matthew 13:44-46. Discuss together the meaning of this passage, in view of the kingdom as God's activity and relationship.
 - ❖ Read Matthew 21:23. What does it mean to bear fruit of the kingdom?

Apply: (Look for ways to apply at least one concept to your life)

- ❖ Take some time and journey through the guidebook and/or visit the blog <http://upjesusconspiracy.blogspot.com/>.