



# **KING DOM COME**

**LEADERS GUIDE**



We are so excited that you are a Community Group Leader this year at Impact! We are honored for you to be here! We praise God for you, and we thank Him for his grace in your life. God is so big, good, and holy. This weekend is all about Him, His glory, and His Kingdom!

Jesus said that the “kingdom of God is at hand...” (Mark 1:15). In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, the God who created the world is recreating it, and he has invited us to be a part of it! In Jesus, God is summing up all things (Eph. 1:10), reconciling all things (Col. 1:20), restoring all things (Acts 3:21), and renewing all things (Matt. 19:28). We are invited to return to our true humanity through the True Human, Jesus, who truly was everything we were purposed to be yet perpetually fail to be. We are laboring for Jesus’ Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven, and God has invited us to be a part of it!

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*This weekend, we are praying that people will give their allegiance to Jesus, and be brought into His kingdom.*

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What’s better than this? We know that none of this is possible without the work of the Spirit: “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all” (John 6:63). It is the Spirit who opens the eyes of the heart, that people may know the hope that God has given us, and the riches of his “glorious inheritance” in the saints (Ephesians 1:18). We are praying that we would fill ourselves with God’s thoughts and not our own (Isaiah 55:8-9), and that the Spirit would move in everyone’s hearts.

This is all done through the message of Jesus and Him crucified (1 Corinthians 2:2). This is our message this weekend. Not good advice, not helpful hints, not “steps to get better,” but the finished and sufficient work of Jesus in the place of sinners, like you and me. Let this good news overwhelm you!

As people give their lives to be disciples of Jesus and practice His kingdom life, we pray that He will be their only King, and that his kingdom will reshape and reorient their lives, so they become salt and light in their everyday lives. May Jesus and his kingdom forever be worth more than all the lesser treasures of this world, and may we truly live to see Jesus’ kingdom come and will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

We love you and are standing here beside you. We are for you and with you. We are laboring alongside you and praying for you constantly.

Much love,  
Impact Team

# THE GOSPEL

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The good news that the just and gracious Creator of the universe has looked upon hopelessly sinful men and women and has sent his son, Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, to bear His wrath against sin on the cross and to show his power over sin, so that everyone who turns from their sin and themselves and trusts in Jesus as Savior and Lord will be reconciled to God forever.

## 1) The Character of God

*(Romans 1:18-20, 2:1-16, 3:22-24, Isaiah 43:6-7)*

- Biblical truth: God is the just and gracious Creator of all things.
- Biblical response: Realize that we belong to Him, are accountable to Him, and are created to glorify Him.

## 2) The Sinfulness of Man

*(Romans 1:21-25, 3:9-20, 3:23, 6:23)*

- Biblical truth: We are each created by God, but we are all corrupted by sin.
- Biblical response: Admit areas of rebellion, be honest with God about sin, and turn from it.

## 3) The Sufficiency of Christ

*(Romans 3:21-26, 4:25, 5:6-10, 5:18, 8:1-4)*

- Biblical truth: Jesus Christ alone is able to remove our sin and reconcile us to God through His death. He alone satisfies the wrath of God for our sins.
- Biblical response: Recognize that we are helpless to be reconciled with God apart from Jesus Christ.

## 4) The Necessity of Faith

*(Romans 1:17, 3:20-31, 4:22-25, 6:11-14, 8:10-11, 10:9-13)*

- Biblical truth: We are reconciled to God only through faith in Jesus. There is nothing we can do to become right with God.
- Biblical response: Faith that leads to salvation involves turning from our sin and our self-sufficiency. We turn to Jesus and trust in Him as Lord. Confess Him as Lord and Savior.

## 5) The Urgency of Eternity

*(John 3:14-16, 36, John 10:27-30, 17:3, 1 Timothy 1:16-17, Hebrews 9:12, 1 John 5:11-13)*

- Biblical truth: Our eternal destiny is dependent on our response to Jesus.
- Biblical response: Cry out to God to save you from your sins, put your faith in Jesus Christ, and confess Him as Savior and Lord.

# ONE KING

## Main Session #1

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### Key Verses:

Matthew 6:19-24

### Summary:

The goal in this session is to introduce the truth that everyone has a king that is ruling and reigning in their lives. We all have a “master” in our lives. These verses focus on our sense of priorities and what we are devoting ourselves to. Following Jesus does not work as a hobby or a side part of your life. It only makes sense if it is the entirety of your life. In context, the example is material possessions, and Jesus says of these that “moth and rust destroy” and “thieves break in and steal” (v. 19). Jesus also says that one cannot serve both God and “money” (v. 24). Money, here, is a word that generally refers to material possessions. Instead of devoting ourselves to the “king” of material possessions, we should give our lives to the True King, Jesus, and “store up treasures in heaven...” (v. 20). Jesus calls us to lay down these lesser “kings” and give ourselves in full devotion to Him and his Kingdom, which is where abundant life is found.

### Discussion Questions:

- What was something that stood out from the message? Why that?
- Who/what would you say is another “king” in your life?
- Do you resonate with Jesus using the example of material possessions? Why or why not?
- How is having Jesus as our King better than having material possessions as our king?
- How does this change how you go to school (work, see family and friends, spend money, etc.) next week, this month, this year?

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# ONE PURSUIT

## Main Session #2

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### Key Verses:

Matthew 5:3-12

### Summary:

This main session on Friday night will introduce the truth that following the one true King, Jesus, is a pursuit. It's not a momentary decision, but a radical reshaping of one's life and priorities around the true King and God's kingdom. The Sermon on the Mount is Jesus' "manifesto"-- it is a collection of Jesus' kingdom vision for the world. In the Scriptures, we are peeking into true reality as it was made to be. In this collection of teachings of Jesus, we see that the way of Jesus is just that, a way: a way of ordering and shaping your life. It is not simply a moment in time that you make a decision, but it is a radical reordering of your life. Discipleship is the lifelong process of aligning yourself with Jesus of Nazareth. It is the whole of life, not just an event, a decision, a moment, but a way of life that you give yourself to practicing.

### Discussion Questions:

- What was something that stood out in the message? Why that?
- When you think of giving your life to Jesus, do you tend to think it is just a momentary decision or do you see it as a way of life? Why or why not?
- Why do you think we tend to think it is just a momentary decision and not let it impact our everyday lives?
- What is a way that you could practice the way of Jesus this week at school or work or when you are with your friends?

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# ONE PURPOSE

## Main Session #3

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### Key Verses:

Matthew 5:13-15

### Summary:

This main session on Saturday morning will introduce the truth that living for God's kingdom means living to glorify Him by making Him known. When our King is Jesus, our lives become salt and light to a dying world that is blind to the truth of the gospel. In this passage, Jesus compares a disciple who does not practice the way of this kingdom with unsalty salt—salt that does not fulfill its purpose. God has called his people to be a light to the nations (Isaiah 42:6, 49:6). As we give ourselves in discipleship to Jesus, we are reordering ourselves around a new King, one that wants to draw the nations to Himself by bringing his kingdom on earth. This kingdom is what you and I were made for, and what everyone else was made for! All of humanity and creation are longing for renewal and restoration, and it comes through the kingdom of Jesus. So, if we want to see the kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven, we are called to give our lives to proclaiming this King and His Kingdom!

“Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20 MSG)

### Discussion Questions:

- What stood out from the message and why?
- How would you define what it means to “glorify God”?
- What do you think it means to make Jesus known?
- How can you make Jesus known at your school? With your friends? In our world?

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# ONE KINGDOM

## Main Session #4

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### Key Verses:

Matthew 6:9-10

### Summary:

This main session on Saturday night will introduce the truth that living for the true King also means living for one kingdom. We trade the kingdom of ourselves (fame, comfort, and privilege) and live to see God's kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven. As Jesus taught his disciples to pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (v.10), we pray and long for the same. The kingdom is God's redemptive rule and reign among us, it is God's will being accomplished. We long for God to bring wholeness, restoration, and renewal to humanity and creation. In order to see this kingdom come, we must lay down our own kingdoms. We must return to the true kingdom of God and his good purposes for us and creation, and this calls us to repent and let go of our own lesser kingdoms. This kingdom of Jesus is the way to true joy and life and purpose, and the kingdom of ourselves is one that steals it away from us.

"We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased." (C.S. Lewis)

### Discussion Questions:

- What stood out from the message?
- What "kingdom" do you give yourself to? (fame, comfort, privilege, pleasure, possessions, status, etc).
- When Jesus prayed for the kingdom to come, what did he mean?
- How is living for the kingdom of Jesus better than the kingdoms we often give ourselves to?

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# PRAYER POINTS

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## God's Glory

Pray that during Impact Weekend, the goal of everything said and done would be to glorify God. The goal of Impact is not to make much of ourselves, to have good concerts or sermons, have a big worship gathering, or anything like that. The goal is to see and savor Jesus, lift up his name, and bring others into the kingdom life of Jesus, seeing His kingdom come.

*"For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen." Romans 11:36*

## God's Work

Pray for all the students that will be involved during the weekend. We want everyone to see, love, and follow Jesus. We want to see Jesus be everyone's King. We want everyone to live for His kingdom coming out of this weekend!

*"..As a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.." Ephesians 1:10*

## Students

Pray for all the students that will be involved during the weekend. We want everyone to see, love, and follow Jesus. We want to see Jesus be everyone's king and everyone living for his kingdom out of this weekend!

*"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." Colossians 1:13-14*

## Leaders

Pray for all of the church leaders during the weekend. We desire all the leaders to be leading from an overflow of love for Jesus and his church, and all to have a passion to see their students love and follow Jesus more because of this weekend.

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears such fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5*

