

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE KINGDOM EXPECTATION

Mark 4:26-32

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God is at work growing and expanding His kingdom in the world today. It is important for us to remain in the presence of God and allow Him to reign in our lives to His standards because the Kingdom of God is at hand.

MEMORY VERSES

“Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.”
(Jeremiah 33:3)

DISCUSSION STARTER

- (1) Think of the most recent time when you called out to God.
Did you feel you received an answer from God? Share with the group.

STUDY QUESTIONS

READ MARK 4:26-32

- (1) When you hear the phrase “*Kingdom of God*” – what do you think the “Kingdom of God” is?
The kingdom of God in its broadest sense refers to God’s sovereign rule over creation.
In the spiritual sense, it connotes His rule in the hearts of people who acknowledge Him as King.
Jesus’ parables teach about different aspects of the kingdom of God. Understanding the parables gives us insight into how God is at work growing His kingdom and ways that we can be involved in His work.
- (2) What role do you feel ‘*trust*’ plays in our willingness to be involved in *Kingdom* work?
- (3) Have you ever felt unfit to share the gospel?
Take some time to explain why you’ve felt this way. What fears have you had?
What insecurities have you had? What questions have you had? Etc.
- (4) In what ways has God encouraged you when you have shared the gospel?
- (5) What are some ways you’ve seen the power of God at work in your life?
What are some ways you’ve seen the power of God at work in your friends/families lives?
Take some time to talk about this with the group.
- (6) Do you ever get discouraged when you see little or no evidence of God at work?
Take some time to talk about what discourages you?



- (7) What are some things that encourage you about God being at work?
What are some habits you can create to be encouraged that God really is at work?
What specific Scripture(s) encourages you about God being at work?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

- (1) Is there an area in your life where you struggle to believe God really is in charge?
Pair up with someone – take a few minutes and discuss a few areas in your life that may hinder you from remaining in God’s presence and/or allowing God to have full control.
Finish by praying for each other.

TAKE IT HOME!

- (1) Throughout this week as you pray “Thy will be done”, take some time to observe how your prayer requests change. Journal your experiences and be ready to share with the group next week. (ref. Jeremiah 33:3)
- (2) Continue Praying using the AWCIPA Model.

HAVE A GREAT THANKSGIVING!

