



## Week Two – The Domino Effect: His Kingdom

### CONNECT

- What is one of the biggest sacrifices you've ever made? What happened?
- Have you ever put your complete trust in someone else because they had a greater knowledge of the circumstance you have faced? What happened?

### WORD

#### **Matthew 7:21 (NIV)**

*Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.*

### THOUGHT

In times of worry, there are two kinds of people—those who seek God's kingdom, and those who seek the world. To say that we are seeking God's kingdom means that we surrender every area of our lives to Him, and that we desire to see His will done. We will see the kingdom of God come when it begins in the hearts of people.

## DISCUSSION

1. **Luke 7:21 sounds harsh, “not everyone who calls me Lord, Lord will enter the kingdom of heaven...” Why do you think Jesus said this?**

- Because the Pharisees believed they were the only ones invited into heaven*
  - Many people were trying to get into heaven by doing all the right things but didn't understand God's kingdom*
  - Jesus was showing that the cost into heaven is much greater than we realized*
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2. **Luke 18:20 – 24 Jesus tells a rich young ruler that he would have to get rid of his wealth in order to follow after Him, to pursue the kingdom of God. Why do you think that God ask of us to remove items from our past life before Christ to be apart of His kingdom?**

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3. **Matthew 6:33 shares with us that we must seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to us as well. Jesus has instructed us that we must rid ourselves of our old ways and now seek first the kingdom and righteousness of God. Why do you think He ask us to do this?**

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4. **Jesus knows a thing or two about changing His life for the sake of God's kingdom. In what ways can we the sacrifice Christ made for us in all the little sacrifices we make for God's kingdom?**

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5. **The continual reminder that if we seek God, His kingdom, His righteousness is that we will not have to worry. And yet, we continue to worry. Why do you think we do this?**

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## PERSONAL APPLICATION

- Discover in what ways you are crying out Lord, Lord but are not fully surrendered to God to walk in His kingdom.
- Seek out ways in which you can advance the kingdom of God in your life. If this means taking a class to rid yourself of your old ways or learning what it means to be a child of God, take the next step.

## PRAYER

- Pray that God would continue to remove worry and doubt so that you can trust Him more fully.
- Ask God what things of your past are holding you back from His kingdom. Ask him how you may seek His kingdom and righteousness instead.