

# KINGDOM COME

## God's Endgame

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When Jesus returns it will be:

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 17:26-29)

But first, Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 17:25, 33).

### LIVING IN THE NOW

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- We won't hold too tightly to what this life \_\_\_\_\_ in front of us.

*"Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it."*  
Luke 17:33

- We'll acknowledge that we're \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
- We'll make today \_\_\_\_\_.

#### MEMORY VERSE

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Matthew 6:33

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Questions based on the sermon from November 10, 2024

## Getting to Know Me

1. What is something that you recently celebrated? What are you looking forward to?
2. The Kingdom is a hard concept to get our minds around. Are there any misconceptions of the Kingdom that have been corrected or clarified for you in this message or this series?

## Digging Deeper

3. Read Luke 17:20-37. What question is being asked of Jesus? What in verse 21 do we learn about the Kingdom?
4. In verses 22-25, what does Jesus warn the disciples about and why is this warning given?
5. How have you seen people be unproductively sidetracked with theories around God's endgame or how *exactly* it'll all play out?
6. What is significant about Jesus foretelling his suffering in verse 25?
7. What do the following verses teach us about the role of suffering can play in our lives?  
Romans 5:3-5 –  
  
Romans 8:18 –  
  
II Corinthians 4:16-18 –  
  
II Corinthians 1:3-4 –

8. Put in your own words what it means that Christ's return will be OBVIOUS:

SUDDEN:

9. What are the implications of these truths about God's kingdom coming in full when Christ returns?
10. Which of the closing 'Living in the Now' points most hits home for you? Why? And how will you apply it in your life this week?

## Making it Personal

11. If we fully believed in the reality of Christ's obvious, sudden, immanent return, we would *always* be ready. In full honesty, do you live life as if Jesus could come at any time?
12. What does it look like for your heart to be prepared for Christ's return and the culmination of God's Kingdom? What is one thing that you would want to do before his return? Make a plan to start on that this week.

## Prayer

Consider ending this week's growth group reciting on the Lord's prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) or praying the following together.

*Holy Father, I surrender to you as sovereign Creator, loving Savior, eternal Sustainer. Time unfolds through your will. May I trust in your plan and continually let go of my desire to control the future. Help me live faithfully in the moments and circumstances that you allow in my life. Let me be a joyful and hopeful light to those around me. As difficulty, suffering and pain enters my life let me lean all the stronger on you. Lord, I pray for your quick return. I expectantly wait for the glory and hope your return will usher in. Amen.*

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