

RECAP

As you prayed this week for people in your sphere(s) of influence who don't know Jesus, what did you notice about God's heart toward them?

IDEA 1

Jesus is calling His disciples, and us, back to the role of Kingdom Scribes—Kingdom Scribes who are discipled in the Kingdom. How do we live as Kingdom Scribes? How do we live in and live out God's Kingdom? We do it by continually learning, living, and giving.

- What does it take to be a good learner?
- What are some things that God has been teaching you recently?
- Discuss with your group what it can look to live out what we are learning about God and His Kingdom today.
- How are we giving these things away? How are we bringing truth, hope, healing?
- What gems of truth is Jesus nudging you to give away?

IDEA 2

Just before this parable Jesus asked a question in Matthew 13:51: "Do you understand all of these things?" It's an important question for us to also consider.

- Based on what you have learned the last ten weeks, how would you describe the Kingdom of God and our role in it?

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

We have just spent weeks learning about the Kingdom and the counterintuitive principles that we can be living out.

As brother and sisters in Christ, we get to be the iron that sharpens iron and strengthen each other in our walks with God. As you look over the following list of Kingdom principles together, prayerfully brainstorm ways they can be tangibly lived out.

Spend time praying for and encouraging each other as you do so

(If this seems like a big task. Look at them through a specific lens: in your home, in your workplace, in your school, etc.)

Parable of the:

- Sower: a listening posture is essential for Kingdom advance.
- Wheat and weeds: God is patient (and so are we), and we fix our eyes on Jesus.
- Mustard seed: The Kingdom of God is moving forward and we get to partner with it—it is wild and organic.
- Yeast/Leaven: We have influence—how are we stewarding this influence?
- Hidden treasure & Pearl: The Kingdom is worth giving up everything for—and even if we did give up everything it's still a bargain.
- Fishing net: Coexisting isn't just enduring, but a question of how we affect culture.

APPLICATION

Living out Kingdom principles is what allows the Great Commission to be accomplished. There are words of healing and hope that will never be spoken unless you speak them and there are deeds of kindness and compassion that will never be done unless you do them.

Take one of the ways your group brainstormed to live out the Kingdom this week and put it into practice. Consider doing another one the following week, etc.—continually learning, living and growing each week.