



GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM Matthew 4:23–25

CONNECT

1. What is some news you heard this week that made you glad?
2. Remind each other what the gospel is by saying it out loud.

CELEBRATE

3. When you think about the gospel, to what degree does language about God's kingdom typically come to mind?
4. According to Isaiah 9 & John 1, Jesus is the light of the world. What was the darkness present in Matthew 4:23–25? How did Jesus shine the light of God into that darkness?
5. What would you say is Jesus' main teaching in the Bible? After you discuss, read Mark 1:14–15 & Matthew 4:17.
6. In Matthew 4:13–25:
 - a. Who is Jesus? What's He like?
 - b. What kind of response does Jesus, "the light " and "the king," call for?
 - c. What does Jesus do?
 - d. What do people do in response to His works and words?
 - e. To what degree should we respond likewise?
7. Pause for silent prayer. Ask Jesus: "Is there some area of my life in which I am not glad you are my king? Is there some place I am fighting you for control or some place I'm yielding to you but not glad about it?" Repent as needed. Believe 1 John 1:9.

CONTRIBUTE

8. In Matthew 4:24, the people brought others to Jesus.
 - a. In what ways are you out in the world, near people who need the king?
 - b. How are you pointing people toward and/or bringing people to Jesus? Share a few stories with the group.
 - c. Pray for God to give each of you at least one name of someone who you can bring to Jesus during this message series.
 - d. Pray for all those names together. Continue to do so as you meet throughout this series.