

## **Kingdom-Minded**

(Fall Semester Start Lesson)

### **Aim:**

The purpose of this meeting is to create new relationships and to introduce the concept of being kingdom-minded. The goal is to foster a sense of unity and purpose within the group, emphasizing that our relationships and actions should reflect the values of God's Kingdom.

### **Welcome:**

Get to know each other:

First, Ask students to share:

Name?, Major? Where are you from? Your favorite food? (One of the leaders should share first, to set the example)

Secondly, take turns sharing your spiritual story:

Where did/do you go to church?, When you got saved?, How would you describe your current relationship with God?. (Once again one of the leaders should share first to help set the tone)

### **Worship:**

**Read:** Matthew 6:33: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Question to consider: What are ways that make you feel most connected with God?

Some ideas to consider:

Prayer, Song, Worshiping together, Reading Bible, Sharing with others (witness), ect.

### **Word:**

Go around the group and share what comes to mind when you hear the phrase "kingdom-minded." Ask each person to name a quality they think is essential for living with a kingdom mindset.

**Read:** Matthew 6:31-34.

Questions to consider:

What does it mean to prioritize the Kingdom of God in your daily life? How do you currently decide what is most important? How can we encourage each other to keep God's Kingdom at the center of our decisions?

Encourage group members to share their thoughts, making sure everyone has a chance to contribute.

**Read:** Colossians 3:1-4.

Discuss

What does it mean to "set your minds on things above"? How does having a kingdom-minded perspective influence our actions and relationships? What challenges do we face in keeping our focus on God's Kingdom, and how can we support each other in this?

Application

Living with a kingdom mindset often means that we will face challenges and need to persevere. It's important to understand that our ultimate purpose is to glorify God and expand His Kingdom, even in the face of difficulty.

**Read:** James 1:2-4.

Questions:

What challenges might arise as we strive to live kingdom-minded lives within this group? How can we help each other stay focused on our purpose? How do we typically respond to challenges or setbacks? What can we do differently to maintain a kingdom perspective?

Discuss how we can encourage perseverance in each other, especially when we face obstacles that might distract us from our kingdom purpose.

**Witness:**

**Read:** Luke 17:20-21

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is within you". How can we demonstrate this kingdom to those around us? Brainstorm ways we can make the reality of God's Kingdom visible in our daily lives and relationships. Consider practical ways to show God's love in your community.

**What Now?:**

As we go through this week, how can we consciously live out our kingdom-minded purpose? What specific actions can we take to keep God's Kingdom at the forefront of our minds? How can we hold each other accountable to these commitments?

Set up One on Ones, for students to meet with the student leaders.