

Session 3: Gospel & Kingdom

FRONTLINE MEMBERSHIP CLASS

**The kingdom of God is wherever God is _____
and _____ as _____ .**

Jesus came to establish the kingdom of God on earth.

He came to bring all things in submission to God
through his own rule and reign.

**The kingdom was breaking into the world through the
_____, _____, and _____ of Jesus.**

The gospel story is the kingdom story.

The message of the gospel and the message of the kingdom go hand-in-hand.

**How do we hold the unity of the gospel
and the kingdom at Frontline?**

1. _____

& _____
2. _____

& _____
3. _____

& _____

**The three purposes of the sacraments
are:**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

✓ *Flip page for exercise.*



Exercise: Gospel Hospitality

Gospel hospitality is one of the most practical ways in which we embody the gospel and serve as a sign and foretaste of the coming kingdom (1 Peter 4:7–9). In both Sunday gatherings and community groups, we are called to move toward people, greet them warmly, and have thoughtful conversations.

But who do we prioritize?

Ed Welch suggests that we should prioritize greeting in our gatherings in the following order ➡

1. The visitor (who Scripture calls the “foreigner” or “alien”) comes first.
2. The visitor who returns comes next.
3. The less popular, the introverts, the marginalized, or those sitting alone come next.
4. Then come the children.
5. Good friends are interspersed through these greetings, but they are left for later if time is short.

Part 1: Learning to Prioritize

Work through the following questions with your table in 5 minutes.

1. What are some reasons why the order listed above might be best when moving toward others and greeting them on Sundays and in community groups?
2. Why might you personally be reluctant to move toward visitors?
3. Who in your life is one step ahead of you in knowing people? What does that person do that you could learn from?

Part 2: Learning to Engage

Work through the following exercise with your table in 3 minutes. **Don’t look at the chart on the right until you’re done brainstorming!**

- ✓ Brainstorm together some examples of a helpful greeting and initial questions you could ask a complete stranger when greeting them on a Sunday or in a group.
- ✓ Afterward, compare your answers with the suggestions on the chart.

Part 3: Prayer

Close your time by praying aloud together at the table that God would encourage and equip you to pursue gospel hospitality.

Having Thoughtful Conversations

The following questions start with facts of public record. Gradually, over time, we can move deeper.

- Hi, my name’s _____. What’s your name? How long have you been attending Frontline? How did you find your way to Frontline?
- Where did you grow up? Is your family still there? Do you see them often?
- Do you have any kids? Tell me something special about each of them.
- What’s something challenging about your current job? What’s something you enjoy?
- What do you like to do for fun? Do you have any hobbies?
- How is school? What are you studying? Has there been anything you’ve especially enjoyed this semester? What are you looking forward to most over the break?
- What are you celebrating? What are you facing that’s hard? How are you doing? How are you (really) doing?
- What’s been weighing on your mind lately? How can I pray for you?

