

THE KING WE NEED

Discussion Guide: A New Kingdom People

Passage: Luke 6:12-26

Summary: King Jesus begins gathering people for his kingdom and then goes up on a mountain to reveal what life in His upside-down kingdom looks like. His kingdom is good news for the poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those who are despised and marginalized. And it's bad news for those who have made their home in the kingdom of this world. Will His reign be good news or bad news for you?

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is poverty of spirit a good thing? What does it mean to be “consoled” by our wealth and why is that dangerous?
2. Our hunger is an ache within us that only God and His kingdom can truly satisfy. What are ways we dull that hunger with cheap substitutes that don't actually satisfy?
3. How is mourning (or grief) the pathway to true joy? Why do you think you avoid mourning or grief? What might you need to mourn or grieve that you've tried to avoid?
4. How do you feel about being an exile? (Hated, reviled, despised, spurned) What are ways you are tempted to be unfaithful to Jesus in order to be affirmed by people around you?
5. What kingdom practice might God be inviting you to grow in so that you can be formed into these kinds of people (poor, hungry, mourners, and exiles)? *Generosity, Fasting, Lament, Faithful Presence*? What is your next step?

Close your time praying together in light of your discussion.