



# Self-Study & Care Group Guide

## Introduction

The Kingdom of God was prophesied by Daniel in the Old Testament and referenced over 80 times by Jesus and the Apostles in the New Testament. The Kingdom is not only a past experience, it's real and powerful today. God's Kingdom values are meant to influence and bring change in nations and individual lives. Tune in to today's message and gain understanding of the Kingdom and how it applies to your life and world.

## Ice Breaker

Looking back on your experience of the Sunday Service and the notes from the teaching, was there something general or specific (a point, verse, or comment) that caught your attention, made you excited, challenged you, or raised a question?

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## Part 1

**Read Daniel 2:1-3.** Nebuchadnezzar was a pagan king and a terrible oppressor of God's people, and yet God spoke to him in a dream. Is it comforting to know that God can speak to those in authority, even though they have no revelation of him?

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**Read Daniel 2:10-19.** God influences even the most hardened hearts as we persevere in prayer, and he can bring the right person at the right time to speak truth and bring clarity.

Consider realms of influence, and the people in them, that are seemingly out of reach. How is prayer powerful in shaping those places and people? What miracles are believing for as you pray?

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## Part 2

**Read Psalm 23.** This passage says that the Lord has set a table for you, a feast as it were, in the presence of your enemies. What does that mean to you and how have you experienced that reality?

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Is there an area where you've given fear a greater place at the table than faith?

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Take a moment and courageously speak to the things that cause fear. Declare that they are no longer greater than Christ and his plan for you.

## Part 3

**Read Luke 14:15-21.** The people in the story were full of excuses. Consider your schedule and your usual responses. Have you ever been too busy for God? What opportunities do you miss when you allow that to happen?

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God longs to be in intimate relationship with you. How can you initiate more and deeper connections with him?

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## Application.

There are two options for application this week. The first option is to make a list of seemingly impossible situations. Pray with great faith over those things this week. The second option is to make a list of barriers that are keeping you from connection with God. Make an effort this week to do one thing that will remove a barrier. Then do your best to pursue connection with God.