

Ghost of a King

Student Guide

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Objective

The objective of this Bible Study is to lead your students to a greater understanding of what it means to be a Kingdom Citizen. Students will be challenged not only to look at how we as believers advance God's Kingdom here on earth, but also look at their own personal encounter with the King. If we are going to be the church that God called us to be, we must humbly take His message of saving grace to all. The church as a whole does not think about the "unreached" because many people see that as being across the ocean. They do not see it as being right in their backyard. They say, "Reaching those people is the missionaries job." Many do not realize the "unreached" are right in their neighborhood. We must help our students grasp a Global Vision to reach "all" with the Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 16:19

And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid[a] on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit[b] on earth will be permitted in heaven."

What are the "Keys" to the kingdom?

How are we part of God's Kingdom?

What is our role as "kingdom" citizens?

How do the Gospel reflect God's Kingdom?

The Video

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Transition

Luke 24:20-34 (NLT)

That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles[a] from Jerusalem. As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them. But God kept them from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?" They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, "You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days." "What things?" Jesus asked. "The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth," they said. "He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people. But our leading priests and other

religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him. We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago. “Then some women from our group of his followers were at his tomb early this morning, and they came back with an amazing report. They said his body was missing, and they had seen angels who told them Jesus is alive! Some of our men ran out to see, and sure enough, his body was gone, just as the women had said.” Then Jesus said to them, “You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. Wasn’t it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?” Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, but they begged him, “Stay the night with us, since it is getting late.” So he went home with them. As they sat down to eat,^[b] he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared! They said to each other, “Didn’t our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?” And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them, who said, “The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter.^[c]” Jesus Appears to the Disciples. Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread.

Why do the Gray Havens refer to Christ as a “*Ghost of a King*”

Are you a citizen of the Kingdom?

Have you encountered this *Ghost of a King*?

John 18:36 (NLT)

Jesus answered, “My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world.”

Describe God’s Kingdom

Why is prayer a foundational practice of God’s Kingdom?

How can we advance God’s Kingdom?

Psalms 145:13 (NLT)

For your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. You rule throughout all generations. The Lord always keeps his promises; he is gracious in all he does.

Why is the Gospel central in describing God’s Kingdom?

How does Christ death, burial, and resurrection usher in God’s Kingdom?

What role does salvation play in God’s Kingdom?

Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,^[a] baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Consider the following questions:

How can you advance God’s Kingdom?

How can you serve the King on a daily basis”?

As you spend time with Christ, can you recognize when He show up in your life”?

What causes your heart to burn with in your chest”?

As you close, challenge your students to live as Kingdom Citizens. Also challenge them to find opportunities where their life intersects with the Gospel. Pray for them to encounter the King as they walk this road of life proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is near.