

## **“On Earth As It Is In Heaven” - Small Group Discussion Guide**

In this final message of the 'Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done' series, Pastor Todd emphasizes that believers have already stepped into the kingdom of God upon accepting Jesus as Savior, rather than simply waiting for a future heaven. Drawing from Colossians 1:13 and Philippians 3:20, he explains that our citizenship has been transferred to heaven, making us citizens of God's kingdom now. This reality brings three key implications: we serve a different king (Jesus), we adopt kingdom values that often contradict worldly values, and we participate in kingdom mission rather than passively waiting. The church is described as a kingdom outpost where believers live as agents of light in darkness, representing heaven on earth. Pastor Todd challenges the congregation to live with eternal purpose, focusing on kingdom work that has lasting impact, and concludes by praying for both current believers to live with heaven in mind and for those who haven't yet accepted Jesus to make that decision.

### **Intro Prayer**

Heavenly Father, as we gather together today to study Your Word and grow in our understanding of Your kingdom, we ask that You would open our hearts and minds to what You want to teach us. Help us to set aside our own agendas and preconceptions, and make us receptive to Your Holy Spirit's leading. We pray that through our discussion, You would deepen our faith, strengthen our relationships with one another, and equip us to live more fully as citizens of Your heavenly kingdom. Guide our conversation and help us to encourage one another in our walk with You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### **Ice Breaker**

If you could have citizenship in any country in the world (besides your current one), which would you choose and why?

### **Key Verses**

Matthew 6:10

Colossians 1:13

Philippians 3:20

Acts 2:42-47

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

### **Questions**

What does it mean to you personally that you've already 'stepped into' the kingdom of God rather than just waiting for it?

How does understanding Jesus as both Savior and King change the way you approach your daily life?

Which kingdom values mentioned in the sermon (loving enemies, forgiveness, generosity, humility) do you find most challenging to live out? Why?

Pastor Todd mentioned the tension of living as citizens of heaven while still on earth. How do you experience this tension in your own life?

In what ways can you be an 'agent of light in darkness' in your current circumstances?

The early church in Acts 2 was characterized by devotion to teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer. How does your life reflect these priorities?

How might your perspective on your job, relationships, or daily activities change if you truly lived with 'heaven in mind'?

What specific step could you take this week to participate more actively in kingdom mission rather than just 'waiting in the waiting room'?

### Life Application

This week, identify one specific area of your life where you can live more fully as a citizen of heaven rather than a resident of earth. This might involve showing kingdom values like forgiveness to someone who has hurt you, being generous with your resources, serving someone in need, or having a conversation about faith with someone in your life. Take one concrete action that reflects your heavenly citizenship and represents Jesus to those around you.

### Key Takeaways

When we accept Jesus as Savior, we immediately step into the kingdom of God - we don't just wait for a future heaven

As kingdom citizens, we serve King Jesus, adopt kingdom values that often contradict worldly values, and participate in kingdom mission

The church is a kingdom outpost where believers live as agents of light in darkness, representing heaven on earth

We experience tension living as citizens of heaven while still on earth, but we're called to live with eternal purpose and heaven in mind

Kingdom work focuses on what is unseen and eternal rather than just the temporary things of this world

### Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for the incredible truth that we are already citizens of Your heavenly kingdom. Help us to live each day with this reality at the forefront of our minds and hearts. Give us the courage to serve You as our King, to embrace kingdom values even when they're difficult, and to actively participate in Your mission rather than passively waiting. Help us to be agents of light in the darkness around us, representing You well to those who don't yet know You. As we go from here, may our lives reflect the reality that heaven is our true home and You are our true King. Use us to invite others into Your kingdom, and help us to focus on what is eternal rather than what is temporary. We pray this in Your precious name, Amen.