

UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM - WEEK 1

LEADER'S NOTES:

Hey leaders! Remember, you are the GUIDE for conversation, not the teacher. It's tempting to want to do all the 'talking' in the groups, but life groups are designed for students to INTERACT with each other as well as self discover the truth that we find in the Bible!

CORE QUESTION:

- How can I live a "blessed" life?

CORE THOUGHTS:

1. Recognition of my weakness
2. Running to God's goodness

KEY SCRIPTURES:

- Matthew 5:3-7

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be filled."

- Romans 3:23

"For all have sinned and fall short of the
glory of God"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

ICEBREAKER:

- Can you think of a time when something didn't turn out as you expected?

QUESTION 1:

- When you think about you or someone else living a blessed life, what comes to mind?

QUESTION 2:

- Out of the two main points (1. Recognizing my weakness, 2. Running to God's goodness), which one do you struggle with more?

HAVE A STUDENT READ ROMANS 3:23

QUESTION 3:

- Romans 3:23 mentions that we ALL fall short. Is that encouraging to you? Why or why not?

QUESTION 4:

- Why do you think Jesus emphasizes our recognition of weakness as a starting point for a blessed life? Does that change the way you view your struggles?

QUESTION 5:

- In what ways can you remind yourself of your need for God, especially during times when things are going well?

QUESTION 6:

- Can you think of a specific area in your life where you struggle to recognize your need for God? What might it look like to bring that struggle to Him?

END W/ PRAYER REQUESTS