

**Sunday Sermon Review:** Week of November 8th, 2020

**Sermon Series:** What About \_\_\_\_\_?

**Sermon:** What About the Kingdom of God?

**Speaker:** Pastor Mike Burnette

## Conversation Starters and Review

- What stands out to you most about what you heard in this past week's sermon?
- Is there anything from this sermon that you have questions about? Explain.

## Make It Personal

Have your group read **Matthew 4:23-25**.

- How can we demonstrate the Kingdom of God in our own lives, and draw people to Jesus?

### I. God Desires to Rule!

- Read the following passages of scripture with your Small Group:
  - Psalm 20:7
  - Jeremiah 31:33
  - Philippians 1:27
  - 2 Peter 1:3-4

God desires to rule three areas of our life:

- Our hearts
- Our minds
- Our actions

Which of these three areas do you need to submit to God's rulership?

Earthly leaders (parents, presidents and pastors) may have some good qualities, but they are ultimately flawed human beings. Why should we put our trust in God as the perfect leader?

## II. God's Kingdom is an Open Invitation!

- Read the following passages of scripture with your Small Group:
  - 2 Peter 3:9
  - 1 Timothy 2:4-6

Is there such a thing as an unreachable person, when it comes to salvation?

Why does it seem to take some people longer than others to receive salvation? Have you seen God's timing played out in your own salvation?

What is your biggest obstacle to inviting others into the Kingdom of God?

## III. We Live as "Kingdom of God" People on Earth!

- Read the following passage of scripture with your Small Group:
  - Matthew 5:14-16

What does it mean to let your light shine?

Why do we "hide our light" at times?

What good works can we do, to draw people to Christ?

## Act On It

**Encourage:** Christianity is the largest faith in the world. That means the King of Kings is still winning! No matter who's in office, JESUS is still King, and the true kingdom that we belong to is growing and thriving and still something to get excited about! That is good news right there! God's Kingdom is alive and well, and He's not getting voted out EVER!

**Ask:** PRAY for our country, pray for our leaders. Pray like you belong to the Kingdom of God, like you have authority from almighty God Himself! Pray for people who don't know Jesus!

**Challenge:** Live your life like you trust that God is Good, that God is for you, and as if you belong to another kingdom! This week, invite someone you know who doesn't know Jesus, into the Kingdom of God.

### **Prayer Request and Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we honor you, as the King of Kings. No matter who is in leadership, our trust is in your goodness, your wisdom, and your power. Help us Father, to joyfully invite others to be a part of your kingdom, and our family. Holy Spirit, reveal to us the areas of our lives that are not submitted to your rulership, and give us the grace to surrender them to you. We commit to being the light in this world, and using our good works to point everyone to Jesus, our True King. We love you, we bless you, and we honor you. In Jesus' name we pray, amen!

**Sunday Sermon Review:** Week of November 15th, 2020

**Sermon Series:** What About \_\_\_\_\_?

**Sermon:** What About the Bible?

**Speaker:** Pastor Mike Burnette

## **Icebreaker**

- If you were being introduced on stage, what would your entrance song be and why?

## **Conversation Starters and Review**

- What stands out to you most about what you heard in this past week's sermon?
- Is there anything from this sermon that you have questions about? Explain.

## **Make It Personal**

- What is your view of the Bible?

### **I. We Can Trust the Bible!**

Have your group read **Hebrews 4:12**.

- How is the Bible relevant in today's society?
- Even though we may not fully understand the Bible, why can we still trust it?

"The Bible is our authoritative rule for faith and practice." - Pastor Mike Burnette

- How does the Bible carry authority in your life? If it does not, why not?

### **II. We Should Really Study the Bible!**

Read the following passages of scripture with your group:

- Joshua 1:8
- Psalm 119:105

- Acts 2:42

- What is the difference between studying the Bible and just reading it?
- What would it look like for the Bible to become a primary source in your life?
- Think of your own greatest passions or hobbies. What would it look like if you devoted as much time and energy to studying the Bible as you did to your other interests?

### III. We Can Live by the Bible!

Have your Small Group read **Romans 12:2** and **2 Timothy 3:16-17**.

- What does it mean to be transformed by the renewal of your mind?
- What would it look like for the Bible to be on full display in your life?
- How will the world be impacted if Christians don't live by the Bible?

Discuss Pastor Mike's **Rapid Fire Questions**:

1. What version of the Bible should I read?
2. Where should I start Reading the Bible?
3. How much should I read?

### Act On It

**Encourage:** We may never fully understand the Bible, but the more time that we spend in the Word, the more we'll grow to know God and the better we'll be able to discern God's plan for our lives. We trust in the Bible because God is truth! As we deepen our study of scripture, it will be easier for the Bible to become the primary source of influence on our faith and actions.

**Ask:** Before you read your Bible, ask God for discernment and wisdom as you begin to study His Word. After you finish studying scripture, ask God to lead and guide you in applying what you've learned to your life.

**Challenge:** Make Bible reading a rhythm of your life. How?

1. Set a time to read your Bible everyday
2. Pick a Bible reading plan (30 days, 90 days, 1 year, etc.) and stick to it!
3. Be accountable to your Small Group members
4. Share what you learn with your Small Group members

## **Prayer Request and Prayer**

Heavenly Father, thank you that your Word is living and active today! Thank you that even though we may not understand it fully, we can trust in your Word because it is the truth! Help us learn to use the Bible as an authoritative rule over our lives. Father, speak to us as we strive to pursue a continuous relationship with you as we study the Word. Help us to remember that your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our paths. As we deepen our relationship with you through scripture, we pray that we are filled and nourished to the point that it overflows into the lives of those around us. Guide us as we learn to live out your Word to make a difference in the world. We love you, we bless you, and we honor you. In Jesus' name we pray, amen!