



**LIVE LIFE**  
**KINGDOM-SIZED**

**SIX PARABLES OF MATTHEW**

**NILAV KOLAY**

**SESSION ONE**

# Kingdom Passion

**SESSION GOALS**

*The point of every session is a main idea with the goal of what we want to walk away from the discussion with— knowing, feeling and doing.*

**MAIN IDEA:** When I pursue the Kingdom with passion, my life will impact my world around me.

**Head change:** To discern if our passions are aligned with what is considered precious in the Kingdom of God.

**Heart Change:** To feel passionate about the Kingdom of God.

**Life Change:** To identify ways through which we can become passionate about God’s Kingdom and make an impact to the world around us.

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**OPEN**

**Who comes to your mind, when you think about a passionate person? How would you describe their attitude and actions? What is it like to be around a passionate person?**

Be it for a cause, a relationship, or a profession, passionate people are driven, focused, motivated, and enthusiastic. They connect and don't stop at anything. How does someone who is passionate for the Kingdom of God live?

Jesus taught a lot about the Kingdom of God during his time on earth. He emphasised that God's Kingdom was different to the norms of the time. Kingdom rules were different. Kingdom values were different. Jesus's teachings for us to model were radical for His time and they are still radical today.

In the next six sessions, pastor Nilav Kolay will take us through the some of the teachings of Jesus about His Kingdom to give us a model of how we can live a kingdom-sized life today. In this first session, Nilav teaches from the Parables of the Hidden Treasure to show what it means to be passionate for the Kingdom of God.

*As you watch this session, write down how Nilav Kolay answers these questions:*

What are the three questions Nilav said we should ask ourselves when studying this passage?

What does Jesus compare the Kingdom of God to in this portion of Scripture?

How much of their possessions did the characters sell to receive what they desired?

What should inspire my actions?

**WATCH**

**Show Session 1: Kingdom Passion** (10 minutes)

## REVIEW

**Read Matthew 13: 44–46.** What are the two characters in these parables looking for? What are some similarities and differences that you see in the way they went about getting what they wanted?

Nilav Kolay asked three questions in his talk. His first question was to ask ourselves if we know what is valuable to us. Write down five things that are valuable in your life right now.

If you were given an opportunity to make a new list, what are the things that you will add?

Nilav shared that when someone is passionate about something, he/she will be willing to pay the price for it. When you look at your own life, what are some sacrifices that you have made because of your passions?

He followed it up with the next question to ask ourselves —*Are we making sacrifices for the right things?* How do you evaluate if your sacrifices are for the right thing?

Nilav mentions that that the two characters in the parable received blessings for their sacrifice. What are the two types of blessings they received? Have you ever personally experienced or heard of someone being blessed because of sacrificing for the Kingdom?

Nilav reminded that there will be times when the reward for sacrificing for the sake of the Kingdom will only be the truth that we are part of the Kingdom. What do you understand about this truth? How does it make you feel?

The third question that Nilav asked was what inspires your actions? How will you answer this question? How can you check if your actions were inspired by the Kingdom?

Nilav also added that this passion does not come automatically but we need to be intentional about it. What are three steps you can take to intentionally cultivate a kingdom passion?

## BIBLE EXPLORATION

**Read Mathew 4:18–22.** What were the disciples doing when Jesus called them?

Just as how the two merchants sold everything to gain the Kingdom, what did the disciples have to give up? How do you think their lives changed after this and what impact did they have because of the passion they had for the Kingdom?

When have you felt led to step away from what you were doing for God's Kingdom?

**Read Colossians 3:23–24.** How does this verse encourage us to live?

How does the life of a disciple of Christ look different if he/she applies this in every situation? What is the reward for living your life this way?

**Read Galatians 5:24.** What have the followers of Christ crucified with their flesh?

According to this verse, to become passionate for the Kingdom of God, we need to let the passions of the flesh go. How can we let go of worldly passions?

**Read Nehemiah 1.** How did Nehemiah respond to the bad news from his home country? Why do you think he responded so contritely?

Nehemiah had a fairly comfortable job of being the cup bearer to the king. Yet, when he heard the sad state of His nation, he was gripped in His heart and chose to act. What situation or cause has generated a strong passion in your heart to act upon it?

Living life Kingdom-sized starts with passion for the Kingdom. As you determine what is valuable in your life, and find what inspires you to act, you will know where to make sacrifices for the Kingdom. That Kingdom passion will impact others in every sphere of your life.

## **LIVE IT OUT**

**PRAY:** Reflect on where your passion lies throughout your day. As you pray, ask God to take away passion for things of the world and to increase your passion for His Kingdom.

**TALK:** Talk with one person whom you know is living with Kingdom passion. Hear their story and understand what motivates them.

**ACT:** Look back at the three steps you wrote down to intentionally cultivate a kingdom passion. As you go about your week, write down how the steps have helped you focus your passion on the Kingdom.

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**SESSION TWO**

## Kingdom Paradox

**SESSION GOALS**

*The point of every session is the main idea with the goal of what we want to walk away from the discussion with—knowing, feeling and doing.*

**MAIN IDEA:** As a citizen of the Kingdom, my attitude and actions are a paradox to the pattern of the world.

**Head change:** To understand that my citizenship in the Kingdom is because of the paradoxical nature of the Kingdom. God saved me when I didn't deserve it.

**Heart Change:** To realise that meekness, servitude, and surrender should be my attitude as a Kingdom citizen.

**Life Change:** To identify areas in my life where changes are required to show the paradox of the Kingdom to my world.

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**OPEN**

Have you ever experienced a situation in your life where you realised a truth or a path for your life that you tried to live out, but it seemed opposite from what those around you thought was the “right” way? Maybe it was what you chose to study in school, or what you chose as a career, who you chose to marry, or even how you live when you chose to follow Christ. What opposition did you face? How were you tempted to change your course to “fit in”?

Often, people desire to live their lives in a way that will make them blend in with society. However, as a citizen of the Kingdom, there are foundational differences in the way we interact with the world, and this should be tangibly seen by the people around us.

In His teachings, Jesus showed us that life in the Kingdom is very counter-cultural—a paradox. His instructions included, “the meek shall inherit the earth...it is more blessed to give than to receive....love your enemies...pray for those who persecute you.”

In this second session, Pastor Nilav Kolay shares from the Parable of the Workers to talk about Kingdom Paradox.

*As you watch this session, write down how Nilav Kolay answers these questions:*

What are the three Kingdom contradictions that Nilav identifies in this parable?

Who does the landowner in the parable symbolise?

What does Kingdom mentality entail?

**WATCH**

**Session 2: Kingdom Paradox** (11 minutes)



## REVIEW

**Read Mathew 20:1–16.** How many times did the landowner go out to hire people through the day? Why do you think He went so many times?

Nilav shared that Kingdom principles are often inconsistent with the prevailing principles of the world. What are some principles that you have seen to be a counter-trend to the world?

The first paradox that Nilav mentioned was The Paradox of Pursuit. He highlighted the divine pursuit of God to seek us and to have a relationship with us. When you reflect on your own journey to the faith, how did God pursue you?

What do you understand about the nature of God and how He ardently pursues sinners? As a citizen of the Kingdom, how can you reflect this in your own life?

The second Paradox that Nilav spoke about was the paradox of generosity. He pointed out the stark contradiction in the attitude of the workers, to the generosity of the landowner. What was wrong with the attitude of the workers? And what is the danger of having this attitude as a citizen of the Kingdom?

The third paradox that Nilav shared was the Paradox of mentality. He mentioned that in the economy of the world, one has to dominate and subdue to become great, while in the Kingdom, you need to be a servant. How easy or difficult is it to show the characteristics of a servant to your family, in schools and place of work?. How do you think that seeking to serve and not be served, positively impact your surroundings?

Nilav also highlighted the contrast where we want to be part of the Kingdom, but also want it to function according to the ways of the world. What are some situations where you can see these contrasts? What does it look like for you to live as part of the Kingdom in your world?

What qualities do you see from the life of Jesus that showed principles which were contrary to the accepted norms of His time? As Nilav asked, if the second person of the Trinity exhibited this pattern of existence, what does it mean for Kingdom citizens?

**BIBLE EXPLORATION**

**Read Mathew 5:38–48.** What are some paradoxes that you can identify in this passage from the Sermon on the Mount?

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What are some ways you can practise this teaching in your everyday life?

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**Read Hebrews 11:24–26.** To what did Moses say yes and no to? And what was the motivation for his actions?

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Sometimes when you live Kingdom-minded, there is a possibility that you might be mistreated for the sake of your choices. How do you respond to this mistreatment?

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**Read Luke 15:11–32.** What were the differences in the responses of the father and the older son when the younger son returned? Whose response shows Kingdom paradoxes?

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The nature of the father in this story represents the heart of God. How can you apply this in your everyday life?

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**Read Luke 10:25–37.** What are some elements that seem counter-cultural in the parable of the good Samaritan?

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What are the principles from this parable that you would like in your own life?

Living life Kingdom-sized starts with realising that even our citizenship in the Kingdom is a paradox. It's because of God's pursuit and generosity, we have been given entry into the Kingdom — we don't deserve it. We are saved only by His grace and not by any of our deeds. As you ponder and intentionally work towards building a Kingdom mentality with Jesus as your model, your life will be contrary to the patterns of the world.

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## **LIVE IT OUT**

**READ:** Read Mathew 5:38–48 again and write down the areas that God is impressing on your heart for a counter-cultural life. Pray for strength to demonstrate these areas in your life.

**ACT:** Identify three areas in which you can intentionally practise Kingdom paradoxes this week.

**JOURNAL:** As you live out what God has been putting on your heart, journal your experiences. With time, you will be thrilled to see God work in you and through you.

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**OPEN**

**Have you ever wondered if the second coming of Christ will happen in your lifetime? How have you visualized it? What excites you and/or what frightens you about His return?**

Many books have been written, and movies have been made on the topic of the second coming of Christ. It is also a topic over which theologians have several differing views. One thing we can be sure about is that Jesus is coming back, but the timing of His return is not known to any man.

However, we should still be living our lives in anticipation of His return. Jesus spoke multiple times about His return and how many will be unprepared for His arrival. So how do you be prepared for His return? The answer to this question is critical for the desire to live life Kingdom-sized.

In this third session, Pastor Nilav Kolay shares from the Parable of the Ten Virgins to teach about Kingdom Preparedness.

*As you watch this session, write down how Nilav Kolay answers these questions:*

What are the two aspects of the Kingdom of God that is mentioned in the gospels?

How were the ten virgins categorized based on their preparedness?

What are the three lessons that are critical in Kingdom preparedness?

**WATCH**

**Show Session 3: Kingdom Preparedness** (8 minutes)

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## REVIEW

**Read Mathew 25:1–13.** Why do you think the foolish virgins did not carry oil with them?

Nilav introduced the session by stating that the Kingdom of Heaven is something that we look forward to. At the same time, it is also something that has been revealed to us. What do you understand by this statement? And how can your life reflect this truth?

While sharing about the suddenness of Jesus' return, Nilav mentioned that we can become extremely casual and calloused about it. What are some signs that show a casual attitude towards Jesus' return in a person's life?

Nilav also emphasized on the surety of Jesus' return even though it has been 2,000 years since His disciples have been waiting for it. How do you explain to a seeker the surety of Jesus' return?

The first lesson that Nilav taught was *patience*. How can you keep a patient wait for His Kingdom in a chaotic and uncertain world?

The second lesson that Nilav taught was *perseverance*. He said that the five wise virgins did not consider it a hassle to carry the oil with them. The sight of the bridegroom when he arrived would have been worth their effort. As someone eagerly waiting for Jesus' return, which are the areas, do you think perseverance should be practiced in your life?

Nilav also added that many people get tired of waiting and waiver in their faithfulness. What are some steps you can take to help you persevere and not waiver as you wait for the Kingdom of God?

The third lesson that Nilav taught was to *participate*. He said, we are not called to be passive spectators but active participators. What are some characteristics of an active participant for the Kingdom?

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## **BIBLE EXPLORATION**

**Read Matthew 24:36–39.** To which time in history, does Jesus say it will have similarities to His return?

What is wrong in eating, drinking, and getting married as people did in Noah’s time? Where do you see the ‘lack’ of preparation for God’s Kingdom by following the same pattern?

**Read Matthew 3:1–3.** What was John the Baptist’s first command in preparing for God’s Kingdom?

In line with John’s message, what can be your role in being prepared for Jesus’ return?

**Read Luke 2:25–32.** How does this portion describe Simeon? How can you explain his response when he carried the baby Jesus in his arms?

What are some benefits that you receive when you wait patiently for God’s Kingdom?

**Read Luke 21:29–36.** What will be some of the signs that Jesus mentions about His returning?

And what does Jesus ask to be careful about during the preparation for His return?

**Read Ephesians 6:9–10.** What does the writer encourage us not to get weary of?

How can you apply the principles of Kingdom preparedness in this context?

**Read Hebrews 11:13–16.** How did these heroes of faith see themselves during their time on the earth? How does this show their Kingdom preparedness?

According to these verses, what should be our motivation to look forward to the Kingdom?

To be considered wise in God’s eyes is being prepared for Christ’s return. His return is absolute. There are twice as many promises in the Bible about the second coming of Christ as they are about His first coming. Living life Kingdom-sized means our lives show interest in being prepared for His return. The preparedness involves

patience, perseverance, and active participation in Kingdom work. The beauty of this is, our lives will be changed, and our surroundings will be impacted when we live this way.

**LIVE IT OUT**

**PRAY:** There might be concerns and doubts in your heart that have bothered you for some time. Make a list of these areas and pray for God’s Kingdom to be unfolded in these areas.

**ACT:** Identify areas where you can actively participate to show preparedness for God’s Kingdom this week.

**SHARE:** Share with at least one more person about what you have learned thus far in living life Kingdom-sized.

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Study Guide

SESSION FOUR

Kingdom Priority

SESSION GOALS

*The point of every session is the main idea with the goal of what we want to walk away from the discussion with—knowing, feeling, and doing.*

**MAIN IDEA:** The priorities of the Kingdom of Heaven are clear. As those who are a part of the Kingdom, our priorities should align with that of the Kingdom.

**Head change:** To understand what are the priorities of the Kingdom.

**Heart Change:** To appreciate God's desire for us to be a part of His Kingdom.

**Life Change:** To realign the critical aspects of your life, that shows His Kingdom as a priority in your life.

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**OPEN**

**What is the topmost concern in your life? What do you want to accomplish at this stage of your life? How do your goals and concerns influence the way you plan your day-to-day schedule?**

Our concerns change with the different seasons of life that we are currently in.

The chief concern for a high school student could be to get into the right college...for an office employee – the next promotion, for a businessman – good sales, for a stay-at-home mother – a properly functioning home. And for someone recovering from an illness, their concern will be to get better health.

While these are legitimate goals and concerns for us to put our minds and energy into, it does not mean that we neglect the Kingdom's priorities. Living life Kingdom-sized implies that the things which concern God should concern us as well and our everyday routine will reflect this kingdom focus.

In this fourth session, Pastor Nilav Kolay shares from the Parable of the Wedding Banquet to talk about Kingdom Priority.

*As you watch this session, write down how Nilav Kolay answers these questions:*

What was the purpose for which Jesus spoke this parable?

What are the three lessons we can learn from this parable?

How is the attitude of the people categorized based on their response to their invitation?

**WATCH**

Show Session 4: *Kingdom Priority* (9 minutes)

## **REVIEW**

**Read Matthew 22:1–14.** Who does the King in this parable represent? What are some of his qualities that you observe from this story?

Nilav shared in his introduction that our concerns should be those that concern God. What do you think are the concerns of God that they can be described as a priority in the Kingdom?

The first lesson the Nilav shared was the desire of the king. He said that God takes the interest and the initiative to invite us to what is important to Him, and that is why He sent Jesus to us. What comes to mind when you reflect upon this truth? What do you think is an appropriate response to God's invitation?

Nilav also reminded us that the king does not give up on the guests. He repeatedly invites them and tries to convince them to be a part of the banquet. What does this reflect about God's heart? How have you experienced this pursuit of God in your own life?

The second lesson that Nilav spoke about was the attitude of the people. How did they show indifference to the invitation of the King? What do you think is the danger of having this attitude in your own life?

Nilav also mentions how the invitees got distracted. (Read Luke 14:18–20 for more excuses given.) Do you feel the reasons given were legitimate? In your own life, what are some attitudes and excuses that keep you from giving attention to the work of the Kingdom?

How does God respond to the rejection by people?

Nilav highlighted the portion where the King was displeased with the attendee who was not properly attired for the wedding banquet. What do you think about this man's attitude and the King's response?

What do you think is God's expectation of you for living life Kingdom-sized?

## **BIBLE EXPLORATION**

**Read Isaiah 53.** Who does the 'He' in this chapter refer to? What did 'He' have to go through to show to us that we were a priority to Him?

Do you feel that giving priority to the Kingdom is easy? What are some challenges that you face when you choose to live giving priority to the Kingdom?

**Read Matthew 6:25–33.** What is the list of concerns for which Jesus asks us not to worry? What is the antidote to these concerns?

What is an encouragement for you from this teaching of Jesus?

**Read Luke 10:38–42.** What are the sisters, Mary and Martha doing according to this portion of scripture? Who does Jesus exhort for her action?

Do you feel that Martha was doing something unnecessary? How do you show the same qualities of Mary and Martha in your life?

**Read Luke 14: 25–34.** In this passage, what is Jesus' expectation for a disciple?

Do you feel that these expectations are justified? How can some of the worldly concerns, take us away from following Jesus fully?

**Read Acts 4: 32–36.** What was one of the ways that the early disciples showed that the Kingdom of God was a priority to them? What were some of the benefits of their way of life?

Do you feel it is possible to follow the same standards in your own life today? How do you think the followers of Christ make an impact on their surroundings when they follow this?

Living life Kingdom-sized starts with us understanding the desire of the King. He wants us to be actively involved in the priority of the Kingdom. When we put an indifferent attitude and other distractions away, our life will show the world what is important to us. And this will make a profound impact on our lives and in our environments.

## LIVE IT OUT

**PRAY:** Our lives can get quite busy with responsibilities piled on us. Pray for a discerning heart and grace to make re-alignments in your life that gives priority to the needs of the Kingdom.

**ANALYZE:** Make a list of things that you do on a day-to-day basis. Analyze how much of your time is spent on activities that are Kingdom related. Identify areas where you think you need to make re-alignments and start implementing them.

**PARTNER:** Identify a friend with whom you can be accountable and help each other to be involved in priorities of the Kingdom. Together, identify an area of concern where you can be involved with and make a plan to factor it into your schedule. Share with each other of your experiences, challenges and pray for each other.

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**OPEN**

**Have you ever interacted with people who succeed and prosper by being unjust, unfair, devious, and selfish? How did their success make you feel? What were some questions that pop in your mind?**

This is a very human reaction, which people struggle to answer. “Why do evil, wickedness, and injustice thrive? Why doesn’t God stop the evil actions motivated by power and greed? Is this the way I should live to succeed, as well?”

While the feelings and questions are legitimate, how you respond or react is crucial in your faith walk. Our perspective influences our attitudes, mindsets, beliefs and ultimately our actions. Living life Kingdom-sized means that we begin to see circumstances and the world through the lens of the Kingdom. Not only does this help us navigate life but it will also impacts others.

In this fifth session of *Living Life Kingdom-Sized*, pastor Nilav Kolav shares The Parable of the Weeds found in Matthew 13: 24–30.

*As you watch this session, write down how Nilav Kolav answers these questions:*

Just as God is active, who is the other person who is engaged in planting the seeds as well?

What are the four perspectives we can find in this lesson?

What is a critical difference in the way God and Satan see ‘life’?

**WATCH**

Show Session 5: *Kingdom Perspective* (10 minutes)

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## REVIEW

**Read Matthew 13: 24–30.** What was the immediate reaction of the workers when they realized there were weeds among the wheat? The landowner wanted to wait till harvest time before pulling the weeds out. What do you understand about the character of the landowner from his plan?

The first perspective that Nilav shared was to be Watchful. He shared how Satan is an active player in planting the weeds. What can you share about the Satan and his schemes? How are you watchful against his ways?

The second perspective that Nilav spoke about was to be Hopeful. He said, “in God's time, He will act, and His justice will prevail.” Was there a time in your life when you saw God working in His way and in His timing to show His justice? How did this experience help you understand the sovereignty of God? And how has this helped you get perspective for trials and similar experiences which you might face in the future?

He also shared that God is in control of everything happening in the world and our lives, and He is keenly interested in building His Kingdom. What are some challenges in living out this truth in your life?

The third perspective that Nilav shared was to be Joyful. He said it is a natural outcome of being hopeful. What are some characteristics that you can see in a joyful person? What are some joy-killers that you have experienced in your life? Why is joy critical in the life of a believer?

Nilav also added that God, as the giver of life, seeks to sustain it while Satan wants to destroy life. How is Jesus' life, death, and resurrection a proof for God's desire for life? How does this truth help you to be joyful?

The fourth perspective that Nilav shared was to be Faithful. He mentioned from Hebrews 4:13 that it is frightening to know how everything we do, in our public and private lives, is visible to God. Why do you think this is frightening? And how can this be an encouragement to be faithful to Him?

Nilav concluded by encouraging us that we remain active participants in the Kingdom's work instead of feeling





## **BIBLE EXPLORATION**

**Read Matthew 14: 36–43.** In this passage, Jesus explains to His disciples the parable He had taught earlier. What do the different characters and elements in the parable represent?

What is an encouragement to you for verses 41–43? How does this speak to your current situation in life?

**Read 1 Peter 5: 6–11.** Nilav referred to this scripture when he talked about Satan. According to the writer of this portion, how can we overcome him?

Verses 9 & 10 state that people around the world experience the suffering you are going through. What gives you hope from these verses?

**Read Genesis 50:15–21.** What was the fear of Joseph's brothers after their father died?

His brothers mistreated Joseph. They wanted to kill him and ended up selling him as a slave to the Egyptians. Joseph went through trying times for 13 years, even spending time in prison after being falsely accused. God eventually honored him and made him the #2 in the Kingdom. Joseph rescues Egypt from a long drawn out famine, and his family comes back to him for help. Based on his response, what do you think was Joseph's perspective of his life experience? What can you learn from Joseph's outlook on his situation, which you can apply to your life?

**Read Psalm 73:21–28.** What circumstances do you think the writer of this Psalm is going through? What is the perspective shift that you see in verses 23–26.

How does this perspective shift speak to your heart?

**Read Matthew 5:1–11.** According to this portion of scripture, what are some areas where Jesus taught us to have a different perspective compared to that of the world?

Having a Kingdom perspective means understanding that God is in control of every aspect of your life and the universe. Satan is an active enemy trying to steal, kill, and destroy. Still, Jesus has overcome him, and in Him, we

have an abundance of life! When we have this hope, the joy that accompanies it is discernible to everyone around you. Jesus calls you to be faithfully committed to His work irrespective of the evils around us. He is the victorious one.

**LIVE IT OUT**

**PRAY:** It is easy to get overwhelmed by all that is happening in the world. Pray for a heart that fully trusts every circumstance that happens in your life.

**ACT:** Small steps towards making a change in perspective makes a big difference on how you see the world. From the Matthew 5:1–11 in Bible review, identify three areas where you can begin to see things in new light.

**ENCOURAGE:** Find another believer for whom this message would be encouraging and share with them what you have been learning.

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## REVIEW

**Read Matthew 13:31–33.** Jesus shared how one tiny mustard seed grew into a tree with branches where birds could nest. He also said that a little yeast leavened 60 pounds (28 kg) of flour. What was a common element required for the mustard seed and the yeast to affect their respective environments?

Nilav introduced the session by saying that the world uses power to dominate and exploit. In contrast, the Bible uses it to serve and transform. What has been your experience in having power? What did you appreciate and hate about having power?

While explaining Kingdom power, Nilav said that it is unattractive to the world. By using the analogy of a mustard seed and yeast, Jesus shows us how simple and ordinary power is. And in contrast, worldly power is visualised as something to be glorified. What does glorified power look like? And why do you think it is exalted in our culture?

Nilav noted that showing power in the Kingdom is unnoticeable in terms of number, quantity, and size. Why are numbers and sizes important in the world for displaying power?

He added that you might not be prominent with kingdom power, but the impact is unquestionable. Why do you think followers of Christ find it hard to believe and practice that even a single person can show the Kingdom's power through their life?

In expressing the Kingdom's power, Nilav shared that we need to be a blessing just as how the mustard seed grew into a tree and sheltered birds. Who has been a blessing in your life? How did they impact and influence you? How do you think you can reflect this in your own life?

Nilav concluded by sharing that we don't fight *for* victory, but fight *from* Jesus's victory. Jesus has already won and the battle, and in Him, we are more than conquerors. When you choose to be a blessing in your community, it creates an impact. What stops you from having the mindset of a victorious person? And what are some fears that you have from taking the first step?

## **BIBLE EXPLORATION**

**Read II Kings 5:1–4.** Who are the three characters mentioned in this passage? Who would you say was the most powerful of the three? Why?

At the end of this chapter, Naaman was healed of his leprosy because of the intervention of a slave girl whose name is not mentioned. How did this girl show her power, and how did she use it? What can you learn about your role in the Kingdom from this little girl's life?

**Read Genesis 39:1–6, 20–23.** Joseph was a slave in Potiphar's house and later was falsely accused and put in prison. Yet, the passage repeatedly lists how he was a blessing to his environment, even though he was in an extreme situation

How was he a blessing in both these situations?

What are some trying circumstances in your life currently? What are some lessons you can learn from Joseph's life to be a blessing where you are?

**Read Acts 1:8.** According to this verse, when will you receive power? And what will be the sign of using this power?

One crucial way we show Kingdom power is by witnesses because the Holy Spirit empowers us. How can this be a way through which Kingdom power is expressed in your life? How can your life reflect the message of the gospel?

**Read Acts 9:36–42.** Who was Dorcas? Based on these verses, how would you describe her? What was the impact of her life?

Just like Dorcas, what do you have that you can offer to the Lord and be a blessing? How can you make it your lifestyle?

Kingdom power is a gift given to us. Unlike the world, this power is not self-seeking and not for domination but is used for serving and transforming our surroundings. When you choose to be a blessing intentionally, you may not get attention or notice. But, with time, your life, showing the gospel has the power to revolutionize the people you serve and leave an eternal impact. The battle has already

been won, and we move ahead in this confidence. This is living life Kingdom-sized.

## **LIVE IT OUT**

**PRAY:** Thank God that you are a victor in Him, and He has given you the power to be a blessing in your community. Ask Him for direction and avenues where you can express this power.

**ACT:** Identify at least three areas where you can use your God-given gifting and abilities to be a blessing and act on them this week.

**SHARE:** Share with another Christ follower who is not a part of this study about what you've been learning. Encourage them to be a blessing in their surroundings as well. And/or share your faith story with someone who does not know Christ and plant the seed of eternal impact in their life.

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