



# [ FOR the Kingdom ]

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**Grow Deep Conversation Questions:** Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

**Message Recap:** For thousands of years, there has been tension for every person following Jesus or thinking about taking that step. Jesus explained this tension as He described the Kingdom of Heaven. **What if the kind of kingdom we are made for looks as upside down as Jesus shared?** Let's discover how living for that kingdom can change how we live in this one.

## » Opening

(3 minutes)

- Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members.
- Housekeeping - Clarify expectations:
  - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
  - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - Open your time together in prayer.

## » Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: List some of your favorite playground activities growing up. What made them favorites for you?
- Digging Deeper: What are some of the "Castles of Comfort" in our culture today?

## » Observation | Read Luke 6:24-26

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

## » Key Principle | Our castles cost more than we know.

(12 minutes)

- What is something in your life now that was worth the wait? Why?
- How do you think God's Kingdom will compare to the world right now? Do you have specific ideas about this?

## » Affluent Poverty | Read Luke 6:24; 12:32-34; Revelation 3:17-19

(12 minutes)

- Do earthly riches satisfy now? When we crave now over eternity, what do we rob ourselves of?
- How does it feel to hear that earthly riches are still wretched, pitiable, and poor compared to kingdom riches?

## » Bloated Starvation | Reread Luke 6:25; Deuteronomy 8:11-16; Revelation 3:20-21

(12 minutes)

- Beyond food, what does our world hunger for? What fuels that hunger?
- What evidence points to an openness to Jesus in our world? What evidence suggests God is forgotten?

## » Popular Lies | Reread Luke 6:26; 1 Thessalonians 2:3-8; Revelation 3:8-11

(12 minutes)

- Discuss the difference between flattery, recognition, and encouragement.
- How does patient endurance protect us from believing the lies of this world?

## » Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- What does do you need to be aware of and on guard to? What changes can you make to experience the grace in Jesus' warnings?
- Close by praying for one another to examine the comfort in your lives that you have elevated above Jesus' grace and set them aside.