

## **Grove Group's Discussion Guide Kingdom Come**

### **Warm Up**

Different people have different experiences with the season of Lent. For some people and churches, it's a big deal. For others, not so much. Go once around the group and answer: Does lent mean anything to you? Was it important as a child? Now?

### **Background**

During the season of lent, The Grove will be considering what Jesus was talking about when he was talking about the Kingdom of God. Here is a description of how we can understand the kingdom of God. [What is the kingdom of God? \(umc.org\)](http://umc.org)

### **Reflect**

1. When you think about God's vision for the world and humanity, brought through the message and life of Jesus, what would it look like?
2. When we pray the Lord's prayer, we say, "your kingdom come, your will be done," we are recognizing the kingdom can happen now. How are you setting up your life in kingdom ways? Your family? Your work? Your leisure time?
3. Do you ever feel like the problems of the world are too large to take on? What do we do with those feelings of being insignificant or overwhelmed?

### **Explore Scripture**

Read Luke 17:20-21 together.

<sup>20</sup> Pharisees asked Jesus when God's kingdom was coming. He replied, "God's kingdom isn't coming with signs that are easily noticed. <sup>21</sup> Nor will people say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' Don't you see? God's kingdom is already among you."

Jesus is saying the kingdom is already here but sometimes not easily noticed. Where do you see it in others? Maybe certain families, organizations, or individuals.

### **Prayer**

Who has joys or concerns, persons or situations, they'd like to have lifted in prayer? You might consider reciting the Lord's prayer.

### **Next**

Set the next meeting time. Optional: discuss Connected Care activity and Service activity.