MARINERS CHURCH



From that time Jesus began to proclaim and to say, "Repent, for the **kingdom** of the heavens has drawn near!" Matthew 4:17

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the **kingdom** of heaven." -Jesus, Matthew 5:3

"This then is how you should pray, 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your **kingdom** come....'" -Jesus, Matthew 6:9-10

"What must I do to get eternal life?"

"You know the commandments: 'You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. Honor your father and mother.' There is still one thing you lack. Sell all you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."-Jesus (Luke 18:18-22)

"But seek first His **kingdom** and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." -Jesus, Matthew 6:33

What now?

Figure out who's king over my life NOW.

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." -Jesus, John 3:3



Figure out who's king over my life in 10 minutes.

We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:5

Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup*

Why do you think Jesus used the idea of "king and "kingdom" a lot when he talked about God's rule in our hearts? What is "the kingdom of God'?

Read Luke 10:9-30 -What were the circumstances (both before and after) that help us understand this encounter?

-If you were a disciple, or a bystander, how would you have felt about the conversation? -Did Jesus make it easy or hard (or both) for this auy?

What does it mean to 'seek first the kingdom' (Matthew 6:33)?

Talk about why it is SO HARD to give up the rights of yourself to God.

Pray for each other!!

*A LifeGroup is a group of people who are committed to loving each other and growing through times like these. For more information, connect with the church office at <u>marinerschurch@marinerscc.org</u>