

Upside Down Kingdom, March 11-April 2, 2023

Series Focus: Provide our guests an opportunity to take a step in knowing Jesus more personally

Tagline: Jesus' invitation to a different way to live

Feel: Connection and authenticity

Why: As we prepare for Good Friday and Easter, we want our focus to be on Jesus' life. What his coming to earth meant then and now

Response Areas: Yes

Invite Pitch: There's a lot of curiosity around Jesus. He's a teacher for the Buddhists. He's a prophet for the Muslims. He's a t-shirt meme in pop culture. Some just don't care. It wasn't all that different when Jesus walked the earth. Some people would travel for miles just to hear him teach while others scoffed, shrugged or ignored him. There's little doubt that Jesus was offering a different, upside down way to live - the last will be first, give up your life to find it, do good to those who hate you, forgive 70 X 7. The question remains, what do we do with it? He's inviting you and me into something the world didn't know, and some 2000 years later is still struggling to get. Join us as we explore the principles of Jesus' upside down kingdom.

Key Verse: My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world. (John 18:36)

Weekly Topics and Content Goal:

The Upside Down of it is:

Week 1: Where the last are first, March 11/12

Verse:

Goals: overall concept of upside down kingdom, beatitudes

Week 2: Where forgiveness is famous, Where faults are forgiven, March 18/19

Verse:

Goals:

Week 3: Where suffering leads to glory, Where endurance is crowned, March 25/26

Verse

Goals: suffering leads to glory (crowns), Endure crown of life, suffering here leads to glory here, song - carry on,

Week 4: Where outsiders experience belonging or Where there is seat for a stranger, April 1/2

Verse

Goals:

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What next steps will we ask people to take?

- Celebrate WH mortgage payoff
- Read the Gospel of Luke

How are we measuring success?

- Specific programming element to celebrate - no measurable
- Text in campaign for Luke reading plan - 1170

Ministry Calendar and Holidays:

March 5-31- DreamTeam Team Meetings

March 11 - Second Saturday Serve

March 25/26 - Group Leader Training

April 1/2 - Baptism

April 1 - Summer Group Registration Opens

Series Resources:

Next Steps

Luke Reading Plan

Family Ministries

Age-appropriate Bibles (connects with Luke reading plan and be good Easter gifts for families)

- PS: <https://www.amazon.com/Jesus-Storybook-Bible-Every-Whispers/dp/0310708257>
- EL: https://www.amazon.com/Adventure-Bible-Early-Readers-Hardcover/dp/0310727421/ref=sr_1_1?crid=EJLO6AFHOWK1&keywords=adventure+bible+nirv&qid=1674011242&s=books&sprefix=adventure+bible+nirv%2Cstripbooks%2C90&sr=1-1

Students Bible

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