

# Kingdom – This Changes Everything

Weekend Discussion Questions

April 18-19, 2015

## Community:

1. When you think about heaven, what comes to mind first? Are you like Jim Burgen and think of Disney castles or do you have other images of heaven you conjure up?
2. Is the idea of the *kingdom of heaven* in the here-and-now...all around us...like the air we breathe...too hard to believe in? Explain why or why not.

## Core:

1. Do you have a better grasp on your *strategy for life* since last week—and are you able to articulate it? Honestly, what will collapse in your life when (not if) the storms come?
2. If the *kingdom of heaven* is as near as Jim explained, do you need to rethink your strategy for life? If so, what needs to change first?
3. Jim began his message this weekend asking the question, “*What is real*”. What are some of the “real” things in your life?
4. In the list of *13 Real Things* Jim gave us, which would you rank as the Top 3 in greatest importance to you...and which would you place in the bottom 3?

( ) Chairs	( ) Your health	( ) Houses
( ) Money	( ) Food	( ) Clothes
( ) People’s approval	( ) Education	( ) Marriage
( ) Your body	( ) Family	( ) Sex
( ) Your job		
5. **Read Matthew 5:1-12.** These few verses are called “*The Beatitudes*”. What do you find inspiring...threatening...and/or confusing about these 12 verses?
6. **Read Matthew 6:25-33.** If we really believe that God knows what we need, and has the best possible outcome for us, what parts of life do you need to let Him in on the most?
7. What scares you the most about completely turning your life over to God? Even though it’s scary, what do you need to do to take a step in that direction?

## Challenge:

1. As Jim challenged everyone this weekend, take the time to memorize *The Beatitudes* (Matthew 5:1-12) this week and see how this affects your day-to-day life at home, at work, at school, and in your community.

