Kingdom Sermon Discussion Questions March 1, 2020

- 1. In this message, Pastor Tom preached on the Kingdom of God. Was this a new concept for you? If yes, what were your initial thoughts? If not, what were your thoughts and did this change how you view God's kingdom?
- 2. Theologian Sinclair Ferguson defines the kingdom as "the rule and reign of God, the expression of his gracious sovereign will. To belong to the kingdom of God is to belong to the people among whom the reign of God has already begun." Spend some time talking about what it means to you to belong to the kingdom of God. How does living under the rule and reign of God affect the way in which you interact with the people God has placed in your life?
- 3. Essentially, the rule and reign of God through King Jesus brings righteousness, peace and joy. In Luke 17:20-21, Jesus states that the Kingdom of God is now whereas in Luke 19:12 Jesus says that the kingdom of God is in the future. Share as a group how you have experienced the kingdom of God here in the present. How do you feel this might contrast to the kingdom of God in the future?
- 4. One of the responsibilities we have in light of understanding the kingdom of God is to seek the kingdom first. Tom mentioned that there is a battle raging between good and evil and that we need to engage in the battle. How are you currently engaged in the battle or how might the Holy Spirit be electing you to engage?
- 5. Our other main responsibility is to pray a big prayer. **Read Matthew 6:9-10.** Spend time praying for God's transforming power to invade our world. Pray for a willing heart to truly see "God's kingdom come" and "our kingdom go."