THE FORGOTTEN JESUS PODCAST THE Forgotten Jesus Podcast Discussion Guide Season 4, Episode 2 <u>Are You Living In the Kingdom of Heaven Today?</u>

Join us today as we look at the phrase "Kingdom of Heaven" and what this would have meant to John, Jesus, and other believers in the 1st century.

Introduction

Recap: Last episode on *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast*, we began Season 4 and the adult ministry of Jesus by looking at the ministry of John the Baptist, the one leading the way for him.

Take a few minutes to discuss this week's episode and what stuck out to everyone.

What do you think most people would say is the theme of Jesus's preaching? Why do you think they would say that?

Discussion

Have someone read aloud <u>Matthew 3:1-2</u>.

- 1. How would you describe the Kingdom of God?
- 2. Why do you think repentance and the Kingdom of God are so closely linked?

Have someone read aloud Exodus 15:17-18.

3. How does the theme of the Kingdom of Heaven evolve throughout the entirety of Scripture?



Application:

Take some time to apply what you have discussed.

- 1. In the triangle of Knowing God, Loving God, and Obeying God, which of these stands out the most to you, and why? Do you struggle more with one of these than the others, and why?
- 2. Is God ruling and reigning in your life today? Why or why not?
- 3. What is a change you can make in your life to experience more of the Kingdom of Heaven this week?

<u>Pray</u>

Share prayer requests and pray as a group at the end of your conversation. Here is a prompt:

1. Pray the Lord's Prayer with your group. <u>Matthew 6:9-13</u>

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Gospel Parallels by Throckmorton

Gospel Parallels highlights differences and similarities in language and chronology between the first three Gospels. You can buy it <u>here</u>.

Everyman's Talmud by Abraham Cohen

If you want to know about a book that defines Judaism, the Talmud, *Everyman's Talmud* is the place to begin. It is the right place to learn about Judaism in general and to experience the substance of the Talmud. You can buy it <u>here</u>.

