



# THE UPSIDE DOWN kingdom

## The Upside Down Kingdom – 5/26/19

### OVERVIEW

How many times have you heard the question, “What does God have to say about it?” Better yet, how many times were you more lost than when you started after someone asked you that question? When it comes to how we choose to live each day moment by moment, do we really stop and invite God into the decision? We talked about ownership throughout the book of Nehemiah. Now let’s talk about what that looks like. How does God want us to practically live out taking ownership in our life and the life of our church?

Scriptures (from NLT): Mark 1:14-15; Luke 8:1; Acts 1:3; Acts 28:30-31; Revelation 11:15; Luke 4:43; Matthew 5:3, 5:10, 5:19-20, 6:33, and 7:21; John 18:36-37 (NASB); Ephesians 1:19-22; Mark 1:14-18,22

### APPLICATION

1. What comes to mind when you think of the phrase “Kingdom of God”?
2. Woody explained that the gospel (the Good News) means the Kingdom of God is here. He calls this The Upside Down Kingdom. Why do you think God’s Kingdom is “upside down” from our world?
3. In Mark 1:14-15, Jesus announces that the Kingdom of God is near, while commanding that people repent of their sins and believe the Good News. What are some examples of things in our world that we would need to repent of so we can fully live in the Kingdom of God?
4. In The Lord’s Prayer, Jesus asks that life on earth would look like life in heaven. If life on earth is “as it is in heaven,” what would that look like in your world (your home or your job, for instance)?
5. Woody introduced the idea of the Gospel of Minimal Entrance Requirements for being a Christian. (For example, just “praying a prayer” to get into heaven.) What are some ways you have been guilty of living according to those requirements instead of the requirements for living in the Kingdom of God?

