



Study Guide

As in Heaven Study Guide

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Series Overview

Each of us is in one of two kingdoms. Christ-followers are missionaries to this world. Under God’s authority, our role is to share the gospel and make disciples (**Mat 28:18-20**). The stakes are high. Someday, the “heaven-bound” will judge the “hell-bound.”

Using This Guide

- You may choose to use this guide:
- for personal study and reflection
 - as a discussion guide with any group of people interested in these topics

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1-The Kingdoms

Icebreaker: Kingdoms in Movies

Make a list of movies that feature a battle between two kingdoms.

Questions for Study or Discussion

- If you are a Christ-follower, what is your true citizenship and allegiance?

John 18:36

Ephesians 2:4-10

Luke 17:20-21

Philippians 3:20

- Why was Jesus born into the world?
 - ▶ **John 18:36-37**
 - ▶ **John 1:14-17**

- Why are missions important?
 - ▶ **1Peter 2:9**
 - ▶ **John 15:8**

Dig a Little Deeper: Proper Order of Missions

1. Relationship: For whom should I do this [1Cor 6:19-20]?
2. Motivation: Why should I do this [2Cor 5:20]?
3. Vocation: What should I do [Eph 4:11-16]?
4. Location: Where should I be /go [Php 2:13]?

Application Exercise

Think about your attitude toward missions. For each statement, indicate if it is more like you or less like you today than it was six months ago.

My relationship with Christ is my highest priority.	<input type="checkbox"/> more	<input type="checkbox"/> less
I embrace my role as ambassador for Christ.	<input type="checkbox"/> more	<input type="checkbox"/> less
I know how He wants me to use the gifts He has given me.	<input type="checkbox"/> more	<input type="checkbox"/> less
I encourage Him to put me or send me wherever He desires.	<input type="checkbox"/> more	<input type="checkbox"/> less

2-The Nations

Icebreaker: New Perspective

Share stories of how being in a different place changed your perspective.

Questions for Study or Discussion

- Describe the Great Commission that God gave Abram [Gen 12:1-4].
 - ▶ What did God tell Abram to leave?
 - ▶ What did God promise Abram?

- How can we tell that God is interested in all people groups [Gen 22:15-19]?

- Compare the Old Testament and New Testament Great Commissions. (For example, where did God tell Abram to go compared to where He told Christ-followers to go?)

Gen 12:1-4	Mat 28:18-20

Dig a Little Deeper: All the World

Read the following passages. What does each tell you about the importance of reaching all nations for Christ?

Psalm 96

Matthew 24:11-14

Luke 24:44-47

Colossians 1:21-29

Application Exercise

Pray each day this week, asking God to make it clear what He wants your part to be in reaching the nations.

Mark those He wants you to do.

- Pray for a specific people group.
- Support a missionary with prayer and giving.
- Take a missions trip.
- Prepare yourself to become a missionary.
- Other _____

3-The City

Icebreaker: Like Water

Make a list of words that describe water. Which of those words could you use to describe the Holy Spirit?

Questions for Study or Discussion

- Jesus used “living water” as a metaphor for eternal life. The woman did not understand His meaning ([John 4:10-11](#)). How did Jesus answer her questions to explain the metaphor ([John 4:12-14](#))?
- How can you set aside your pot of plain water and rush to tell others about the free waters of everlasting life ([John 4:28-29](#) and [Acts 20:24](#))? Make a list of opportunities for reaching people in your city to bring them the good news of Christ.
- How does Jesus say our mission compares to His ([John 20:21](#))?
- How did Paul describe those who preach the gospel ([Rom 10:14-15](#))?

Dig a Little Deeper: Water of Life

Consider these verses related to the water of life:

- **Jeremiah 2:13**
- **John 4:14**
- **John 7:37-39**
- **Revelation 21:6**
- **Revelation 22:17**

Application Exercise

By yourself, or with your group, take part in a local outreach event.

4-The Stakes

Icebreaker: Define Winner

As a group, create a definition of what it means to be a real winner.

Questions for Study or Discussion

- How do disputes and crimes differ ([Mat 5:25](#), [Mat 18:15](#), [Rom 13:3-4](#))?
- Consider three potential problems with taking our disputes to a court of unbelievers ([1Cor 6:1-7](#)).

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| 1. If we take our issues with another Christian to court, how could that damage our testimony of the gospel? |
| 2. What message do we send when we can't settle our differences here on earth? |
| 3. How can even those who "win" their case in court end up being losers (Mat 5:39-42)? |

- Why does it matter how you use your body and how you behave within the body of Christ?
 - ▶ [Revelation 20:11-15](#) (for those who are not Christ-followers)
 - ▶ [2Corinthians 5:10](#) (for Christ-followers)

Dig a Little Deeper: Ministry of Reconciliation

- Describe the ministry of reconciliation [[2Cor 5:18-21](#)].
- Who should rejoice, the person who sows or the person who reaps [[John 4:36-38](#)]?
- How can you tell if you are living for yourself or living for Him [[2Cor 5:14-15](#)]?

Application Exercise

To what degree are you living for Him in various areas of your life?

Area	<i>Fully Living for Him <----- > for Myself</i>
Relationships	5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1
Work	5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1
Finances	5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1
Recreation / Hobbies	5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1
Ministry	5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1
Physical Health	5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1
Worship	5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1

Pick one area for improvement. Make a plan to focus more on Him in that area.