

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

CORE52 | #7 Kingdom of God

November 15, 2020



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3. Read Judges 21:25, 1 Samuel 8:1-18, and 1 Samuel 13:14. What comes to mind as you consider these verses? Is God challenging you through anything in these verses?
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5. What makes you angry? What does this reveal about your heart?
6. How do you act “in the cave”? What does this reveal about your heart?
7. In what ways do we typically base our judgments on outward appearances rather than looking at the heart of a person?

### Where is God’s Kingdom?

8. Read Mark 1:15, Matthew 19:24, Luke 9:62, Luke 18:29-30, Romans 14:17, and 1 Corinthians 15:50. What do you learn from these verses?
9. How near is the kingdom of God? How do we enter it?
10. Read Matthew 13. How can parables bring us an understanding of the kingdom of heaven?
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12. Why don’t we live that way now?
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