THE INEXORABLE KINGDOM

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"Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father."

- Matthew 13:43 (NIV)

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.

— Romans 8:15 (NIV)



HOOK



Start the conversation by saying...

A passport provides proof of one's citizenship. With a passport, you can prove to everyone that you belong to a certain country or realm.

ENGAGE



Go deeper with this...

At what age did you get your passport? How have you used it since then? How would you rate the kind of access it provides?

LINK



Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- Now that we are in Christ, the Holy Spirit is in us. The Holy Spirit is our proof of citizenship in the kingdom of God!
- When He was on earth, Jesus illustrated the kingdom of God to His disciples and the people using parables.
- He described the kingdom of God as gradual, yet unstoppable. It may look small, but it has life-changing impact.
- The kingdom of God is hidden, and valuable. Its value is such that everything else pales in comparison.
- The kingdom of God is gracious and just. While God is patient, He will also conduct a final judgment at His appointed time.
- As people of God, we can enjoy God's rulership of love, light, and hope. We will see our lives transformed. And we will help others know Jesus too.

PAUSE

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Pick a question and pray together...

Discuss Together (pick one)

- What are some of the changes in your life since you asked Jesus to rule as King?
- What are some lessons you've been learning from Jesus? How did you learn them?

Pray Together (pick one)

- Thank God for being King and Ruler in your life. Thank Him for the Holy Spirit, who convicts us of wrong doing and guides us toward the right paths.
- Pray that as a citizen of God's kingdom, you will live by His words and do His will.
 Pray for sharpened spiritual ears to hear from God every step of the way.

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"For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit . . ."

— Romans 14:17 (NIV)