

Matthew 4:17; 6:9-13, 33; 10:7 | Mark 1:15 | Luke 1:28; 2:19; 10:9
John 3:2-5, 30; 10:10; 18:33-37 | Romans 12:1-2 | 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Galatians 5:14 | 1 Peter 5:8-9

Entrance into His Kingdom – How?

Four Disciplines to help us grow into our Kingdom identity:

1. The discipline of pondering.
2. The discipline of presenting ourselves as a living sacrifice.
3. The discipline of preparing to give a reason for the hope within.
4. The discipline of resisting.

We invite you to use these notes to continue the conversation throughout the week. Whether online or in person, we need to connect together! During the fall we will have several Life Groups starting up. So take that Next Step and find yours today! <https://rlc.pub/groups>

Share your story

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover from our time of worship together on Sunday?

Who is a leader from history that you admire? Why?

What are some characteristics of a good leader?

Connect to God's story

Read Psalm 145.

What sort of King is the Lord? What relationship does He have with His people? What do we learn about His Kingdom in this Psalm?

Read Colossians 1:11-14.

How is Jesus' Kingdom described? What is said about the opposing kingdom?

What is Paul's prayer for the Colossians? Do you believe Jesus has purchased your freedom and forgave your sins?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58.

How does a mortal inherit an eternal kingdom? What is Paul's wonderful secret?

What hope do you gain from reading this passage?

Re-read verse 58. What encouragement do you find there when facing a task that is seemingly meaningless?

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too.

- 1 John 5:1 (NLT)

Real Life Prayer for 2020

It is God's will for us to have an intimate, personal, and dependent relationship with all of Him—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This year let us make it personal, a prayer of commitment and connection with God.

Pause Prayers

Read each of these simple statement prayers separately then pause, pray, listen, and respond:

“Abba, I belong to You.”

“Come Lord Jesus.

“I surrender to You.”

“Holy Spirit set my love in order.”

“I trust You.”

“You are enough.”

As we open ourselves to a new year and a new decade, ask God to bring a personal **revival*** to you: body, mind, and spirit. As each of us fully embraces all that God has for us, He is able to work immeasurably in, for, and through us.

When we open ourselves to God reviving us we will not be the same. Real Life Church will not be the same. Our community will not be the same. Let us claim 2020 as the year of the Lord's favor and look with expectant eyes for the miracles of God!

**Revival Definition: an improvement in the condition or strength of something.*

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