

## Message Discussion Guide

**Date: August 3rd & 4th**

**Title: Kingdom Culture | Who Matters Most? | Pastor Mark**

**Baptism Weekend!**

### Connect with Each Other:

#### Icebreakers

- What are things that matter to you in your life and why?
- How do you prioritize things in your life?
- What are some of your priorities?

#### Pray Together

Dear heavenly Father, we thank you for gathering us together today. We are grateful for the opportunity to discuss your word and grow in our faith. As we dive into today's message, open our hearts and minds to understand and apply your teachings. Guide our conversation and help us to see how we can be more generous and faithful in our daily lives. We love you and honor you, in Jesus' name, Amen.

### Connect with God:

#### Key Bible Verses

- Philippians 3:8-9 (NIV) "Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him."
- Philippians 3:20 (NIV) "But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior."

#### Message Summary

Pastor Mark emphasized that knowing Jesus matters most above all other priorities in life. Paul's letter to the Philippians underscores that our identity and confidence should not be tied to worldly achievements but to Jesus. As Paul once found pride in his

accomplishments, he later considered them worthless compared to knowing Christ. Pastor Mark's message invites us to reflect on what we hold most valuable and challenges us to make knowing Jesus our ultimate priority.

### **Sticky statement**

Knowing Jesus matters most.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What does baptism mean to you, and how did today's message deepen your understanding of it?
2. Pastor Mark emphasized that "knowing Jesus matters most." How do you currently prioritize your relationship with Jesus in your daily life?
3. Paul described all his past accomplishments and identities as "garbage" compared to knowing Christ. What are some things you've valued that now seem less important compared to your relationship with Jesus?
4. How can you apply the principle of "knowing Jesus matters most" in your current life situation (e.g., family, job, health)?
5. Are there areas in your life where you feel anxiety or stress? How might shifting your focus to "knowing Jesus matters most" bring you peace?
6. The bible mentions that we are citizens of heaven. How does this perspective influence the way you live your life daily?