

## JESUS SAID – *Episode 7: The Kingdom*



Team Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Game Strategy** – What is the Kingdom of God like? Well, Jesus compares it to the mustard seed, pearl of great price... Do we understand these parables, though?

Be ready to take the field for this workout by completing the **Pregame Film Study**. Your contributions to the Huddle Discussion in our workout are vital to our team success. Remember we win and lose as a team!

### **Pregame Film Study**

1. View or listen to the episode referenced above.
2. Go deep with the Scripture References, Coaching Tips and Catechism Connection on page 2.
3. Reflect upon the **Huddle Up** questions below and jot down your thoughts.

**Huddle Up** – Use these questions for personal reflection to share with your team at the workout.

### **Warm-up Questions:**

1. What particular point(s) caught your attention the most in this episode?
2. What is something useful that you learned from viewing this episode that you can apply in your own life?

### **Workout Questions:**

1. If you were asked to give an explanation of what the “Kingdom of God” is, what would you say?
2. Jesus commands us to “seek first the Kingdom of God” (Matthew 6:33). What does this mean? How do we do this?
3. In the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus tells his Apostles and us to pray, “Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done as it is in Heaven.” (Matthew 6:10). What does this mean to you?
4. There are two parables connected to this passage on the Kingdom of God (Luke 13:18-21); The Parable of the Mustard Seed and The Parable of the Yeast. Please give a short synopsis of each of these.
5. If you were given permission to establish the “Kingdom of God” on earth, how would you go about it? What would your plan be?

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**Team Workout Plan** - Watch the Kickoff, Game Plan and Red Zone video segments as a team. Break into huddles for discussion of the questions.

**Postgame Recap** - Watch the End Zone video segment as a team. Take note of the tips from the CTG team:

1. Jesus Christ is calling you personally to respond to Him.
2. Stand up and preach the Kingdom with boldness and fidelity to Jesus Christ. (Acts 28:31)
3. What kingdom are you following? Ask the Lord to lead you to eternal salvation.

Complete your **Personal Action Item**. 

### **Scripture References**

Luke 13:18-21  
Mark 1:15  
Matthew 6:10, 33

Matthew 13:44, 47-50  
Revelation 11:15; 12:10  
Romans 8:12-13

### **Coaching Tips**

The Kingdom is not a thing, it is not a geographical dominion like worldly kingdoms. It is a person; it is He.

The Kingdom of God resides in the heart of man. “Those who pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God pray without any doubt for the Kingdom of God that they contain in themselves, and they pray that this kingdom might bear fruit and attain its fullness.” ~ *Origen (Church Father)*

The Kingdom of God is in the here and now, present in and through the Church. Yet it is a mixed reality that will only be perfectly realized at the end of history.

“Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there.” Will Rodgers

### **Catechism Connection**

**2816** In the New Testament, the word *basileia* can be translated by “kingship” (abstract noun), “kingdom” (concrete noun) or “reign” (action noun). The Kingdom of God lies ahead of us. It is brought near in the Word incarnate, it is proclaimed throughout the whole Gospel, and it has come in Christ’s death and Resurrection. The Kingdom of God has been coming since the Last Supper and, in the Eucharist, it is in our midst. The kingdom will come in glory when Christ hands it over to his Father:

It may even be... that the Kingdom of God means Christ himself, whom we daily desire to come, and whose coming we wish to be manifested quickly to us. For as he is our resurrection, since in him we rise, so he can also be understood as the Kingdom of God, for in him we shall reign.

**2818** In the Lord’s Prayer, “thy kingdom come” refers primarily to the final coming of the reign of God through Christ’s return.<sup>88</sup> But, far from distracting the Church from her mission in this present world, this desire commits her to it all the more strongly. Since Pentecost, the coming of that Reign is the work of the Spirit of the Lord who “complete[s] his work on earth and brings us the fullness of grace.”

See Also: **2817, 2819-2821**

### **Personal Action Item**

Develop a plan of action based upon our prayer and discussion related to the topic. How does the Lord want this topic applied in your life? Keep it simple – one or two action items.

*I commit to becoming spiritually fit by...*