



# THE **KING** & HIS **KINGDOM**

*in the gospel of Matthew*



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# INTRODUCTION TO MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

## *The King & His Kingdom*

Here in modern Australia, the idea of "kings" and "kingdoms" is a little foreign - even if we do find the drama of the UK royal family strangely fascinating. For the Jews in the first century, this idea was much more real - and a greatly desired expectation.

According to the Old Testament, a king from God would come who would establish His kingdom and free His people from domination of other world powers. We find one clear expression of this kingdom hope in the writings of Daniel:

*"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. 14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed."*

**Daniel 7:13-14**

But as the Old Testament ends, God's people are left longing for a resolution and the fulfilment of God's promise. In his gospel, Matthew introduces Jews to the King they longed to see. For Matthew, it was absolutely Good News.

Matthew's biography of Jesus shows us that Jesus is the long awaited king of Israel and the world, come to usher in a new era of human history that he called the kingdom of God. Matthew is very concerned about presenting lots of evidence to prove this to his audience who were mainly Jews. This explains why there are so many Old Testament quotes sprinkled throughout the book.

This gospel is a wonderful invitation to discover what it means to live as part of God's kingdom under the rule of King Jesus. What is this Kingdom? What kind of King do we have? What does it mean to be a citizen of this Kingdom?

Looking backward, Matthew picks up the storyline of the Old Testament and shows how Jesus brings it to fulfilment in himself. Looking forward, Matthew ends his Gospel by propelling the church out into the world to take the gospel to all nations so that the reign of King Jesus is further expanded over all creation.

This term at DPC, we want to dig deep into Matthew's gospel, and be challenged to consider Jesus's claim as King over our lives. To think about what it means for us to be part of God's Kingdom here and now and into the future. And to hear and take seriously the call of Jesus to join him on his kingdom mission in our world.

We hope and pray that this series might give us a renewed love for Jesus our King, and a renewed energy and passion to be on about the things of the Kingdom together.

# HOW THE STUDIES WORK



## LOOK DOWN

We want to “look down” at God’s Word in front of us, and see the details and facts in the passage. This helps give us a solid foundation for the rest of our study time. Whether you’ve studied the bible a lot or a little, this is a time when everyone can be part of the study by simply reading and noticing what the passage is saying.



## LOOK UP

What do we learn about God from this passage? No matter what part of the Bible we’re in, we want to notice what it tells us about God – what He’s like, how He acts, what He’s done, etc. In doing this, we get a clearer picture of Him, so that we can worship and serve and love Him better.



## LOOK OUT

Once we’ve “looked down” and then “looked up”, the next step is to “look out” and notice how the Biblical truth relates to the world around us. Some questions you could ask are:

What does it approve or challenge in our culture? How should we understand our world through the lens of scripture? How does the passage help us think about God’s mission to the world? What might it mean for us as we seek to share the gospel and do evangelism?

*Remember G.I.M.A.T.S.? It’s a funny word, but a helpful framework for helping us connect and share Jesus with those around us, by doing 6 things:*

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In this part of the study, you could focus in on one or two parts of G.I.M.A.T.S. and how God’s Word might help us or call us to share the gospel with those around us.



## LOOK IN

Finally, this is where we stop to “look in” and see what God might be challenging us, encouraging us, or nudging us to change in our lives. This is where we move from “knowing” to “doing” what God’s Word says.

Ultimately this is the goal of digging deep into God’s Word together – that we might grow together in our knowledge and love for Jesus, and be transformed more and more into his likeness.



# INTRODUCING THE KING

*The background & birth of the long-awaited Messiah*

[Study #1 - week following Sunday 22nd January]

**PRAY //** Take time to pray as you begin your time together.

**READ //** Matthew 1:1-25

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# KINGDOM COME NEAR

*The King has come - and he's brought God's Kingdom near*

[Study #2 - week following Sunday 29th January]

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**READ //** Matthew 3:1-17; 4:12-17

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# KINGDOM PEOPLE

*A new & radical way of life*

[Study #3 - Week following Sunday 5th February]

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**READ //** Matthew 4:18-22; 5:1-12

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# KINGDOM POWER

*When the Kingdom comes, it comes with power*

[Study #4 - Week following Sunday 12th February]

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**READ //** Matthew 8:18-9:8

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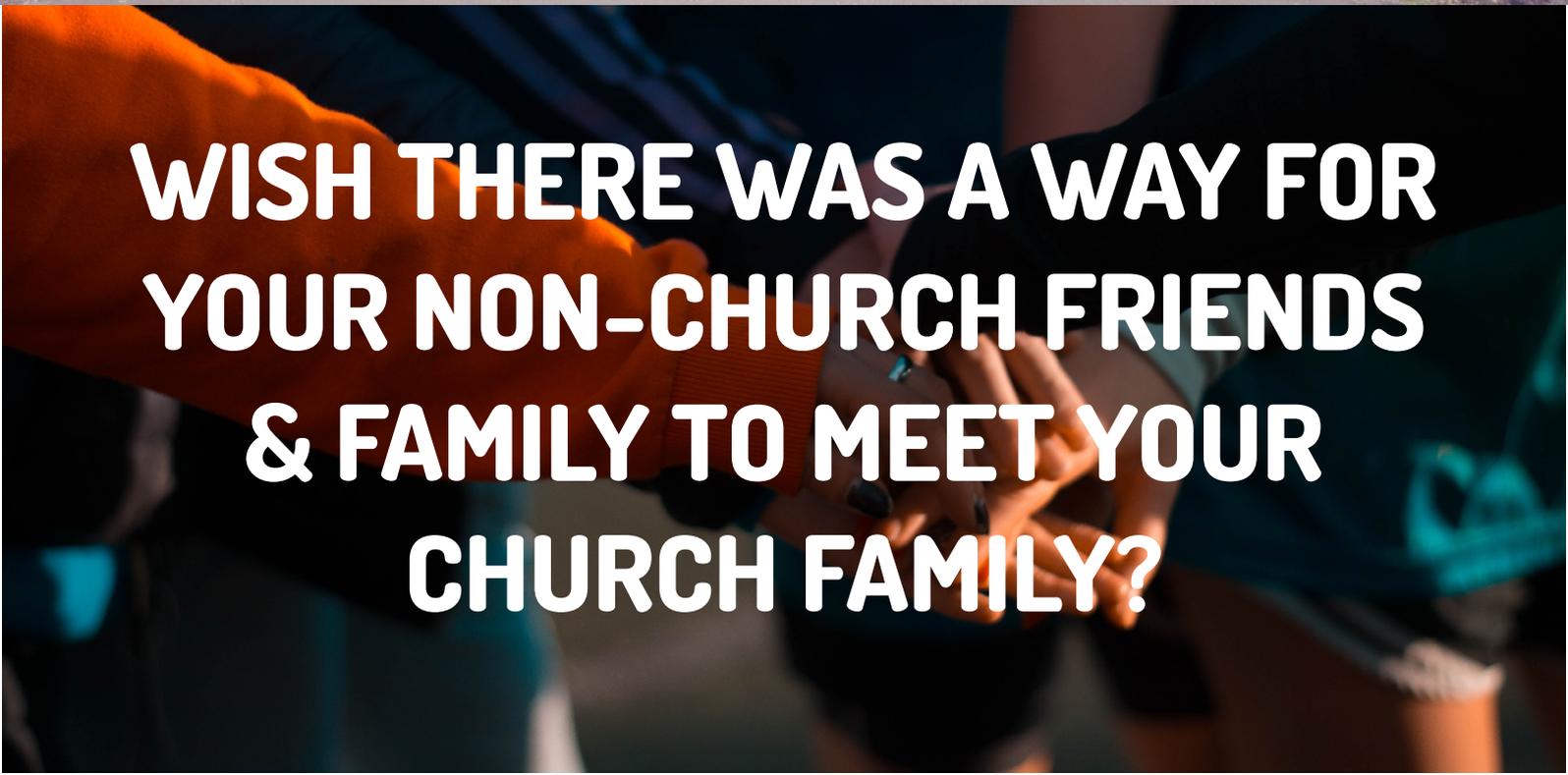
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**DO YOU LIKE  
PANCAKES?**



**ENJOY A NICE PARK?**



**WISH THERE WAS A WAY FOR  
YOUR NON-CHURCH FRIENDS  
& FAMILY TO MEET YOUR  
CHURCH FAMILY?**

DPC presents...

# PANCAKES

*in the park*



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**THOMAS JACK PARK**

Free breakfast & coffee!



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# THE MISSION OF THE KINGDOM

*The King & his mission of mercy*

[Study #5 - Week following Sunday 19th February]

**PRAY //** Take time to pray as you begin your time together.

**READ //** Matthew 9:9-17

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# THE KING SEEN CLEARLY

*"But what about you? Who do you say I am?"*

[Study #6 - Week following Sunday 26th February]

**PRAY //** Take time to pray as you begin your time together.

**READ //** Matthew 16:1-20

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# SUFFERING KING

Walking in the way of the King

[Study #7 - Week following Sunday 5th March]

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**READ //** Matthew 16:21-17:13

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# KINGDOM COMMUNITY

*The upside-down nature of Kingdom community*

[Study #8 - Week following Sunday 12th March]

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**READ //** Matthew 18:1-14

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# THE KING'S AUTHORITY

*The rule of the King over his Kingdom*

[Study #9 - Week following Sunday 19th March]

**PRAY //** Take time to pray as you begin your time together.

**READ //** Matthew 21:1-27

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## PRAYING FOR PANCAKES IN THE PARK

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# THE KING'S JUDGEMENT

*The shepherd King, the sheep & the goats*

[Study #10 - Week following Sunday 26th March]

**PRAY //** Take time to pray as you begin your time together.

**READ //** Matthew 25:31-46

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