

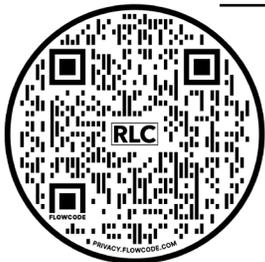
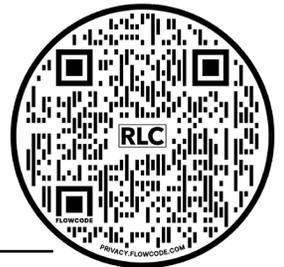


REAL LIFE CHURCH

Helping people know and become like Jesus.

VISITORS LUNCH

Are you new here and would like to get to know the staff better? This Sunday, after second service we will all be here to have lunch and give you that opportunity. Even if you have been around awhile and just want to connect a little better, you are invited. Lunch will be provided.



IN THE BEGINNING

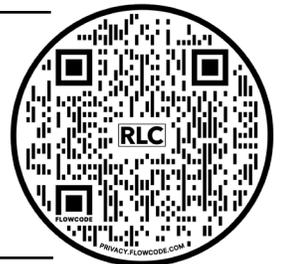
Have you felt confused or bewildered attempting to read the Old Testament? Whether you've studied it often or avoided it we want to encourage you to join this 7 week intro to the Old Testament taught by Cornelius Adewale. Starts today @ 9am. Please register on line. Childcare available.

EVERY MAN A WARRIOR

Gentlemen, if you are looking to grow closer to the Lord and are ready for a challenge, EMAW is the study for you. This four book study is not easy, it requires dedication and time commitment. The requirements include completing daily quiet times and weekly lessons, memory verses, and group gatherings. We will begin Book 1 (10 week study) in May and meet every Wednesday evening from 5:30-7:30 pm. If you are interested, please contact Caleb Brown @ 919-593-3242

JOIN A HOME GROUP

Is your life missing one or two good friends? The kind of people that you look forward to connecting with. I know where you can find them! Seriously, I am not joking. Join a home group or a college small group. Scan the code, sign up and go for it.



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Intro to the Kingdom of God

Matthew 3:1-2 NIV

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Matthew 4:17 NIV

From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Exodus 15:18 NIV

"The Lord reigns
for ever and ever."

Exodus 19:1-6 NIV

On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

The Kingdom of God shows up when 3 things happen:

1. The finger of God moves.

Exodus 8:19 NIV

the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was hard and he would not listen, just as the Lord had said.

2. The people of God call Him Lord.

Exodus 15:18 NIV

"The Lord reigns
for ever and ever."

3. The people respond in obedience.

- Sometimes we see #1 & #2 but ignore #3
- Sometimes we see #1 & #3 but no recognition of who the King is.

SYNONOMOUS: Kingdom of God = Kingdom of Heaven

Matthew 5:3 NIV

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:10 NIV

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus is saying that this group of people that He describes in the Beatitudes are the kind of people that understand the Kingdom.

Matthew 5:19-20 NIV

Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

In the Kingdom those who walk in obedience are greatest and those who don't are least.

How do you get into this Kingdom?

- *Tzedakah = Righteousness = Referring to right relationships*
- Having shalom (peace/wholeness) in your relationship with God, with others and with creation is how you enter the Kingdom of God.

Matthew 6:10 NIV

your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:33 NIV

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 7:21 NIV

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

The Kingdom of God is:

Home Group Notes

Pray: It is always good by having someone begin group with prayer and invite the Spirit to join in on your group. (It may help to ask someone else ahead of time, some people like to prepare.)

Intro: How have you seen God moving in your life recently?

Questions: Read these out and discuss as a group, if you have more thinkers than talkers, maybe give them a moment to write out their thoughts on some of them. As always these are a tool to help build relationships with each other and grow closer to God, use them until they aren't useful.

- Based on the three evidences of the kingdom of God, would you say you personally are living in the kingdom? How about your family or friend group?
- If living in the kingdom means right relationships, what do you think NOT living in the kingdom looks like?
- Do you think it is possible to live only partially in God's kingdom, or is it an all in or all out thing?
- What relationships in your life reflect kingdom living well? Which ones don't?

Pray Again: You can never pray too much, but this is a good time to ask if there are anything the group can be praying for. Leaders, be sure to take some notes and pray for your groups throughout



If you would like to watch Marty's lesson again to review you can scan the QR code and it will take you to the youtube video.