

# THE CLASH OF TWO KINGDOMS

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

— Matthew 4:17 (NIV)

**For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.**

— 1 John 2:16 (NIV)



**EVERY NATION**  
SINGAPORE

## HOOK

 Start the conversation by saying...

Did you know that in Nordic countries, ice bathing is a traditional cultural practice?

## ENGAGE

 Go deeper with this...

Share a tradition or cultural norm you encountered that didn't immediately make sense to you.

## LINK

 Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- God's Kingdom is under God's rule. We are part of God's Kingdom if God rules in our hearts.
- God's Kingdom has a different set of values from those of the world.
- While the world values pleasure, status, and power, God's Kingdom has lasting and eternal values.
- When the devil tempted Jesus, he was fighting God's Kingdom with the ways of the world.
- He tried to attack Jesus' identity and confidence in God's love, and he does the same with us.
- But Jesus knew the ways of God's Kingdom and fought using God's truth. He taught these to us while He was on earth.
- When we are in Christ, we are part of God's Kingdom and we can live victoriously in His Kingdom's ways.

## PAUSE

 Pick a question and pray together...

### **Discuss Together** (*pick one*)

- What is one “Kingdom way” that you find difficult to understand?
- How would you describe the Kingdom of God in your own words?
- How can you begin living it out?

### **Pray Together** (*pick one*)

- Pray to have a deeper understanding of the Kingdom of God and how you can live it out today.
- Pray against the schemes of the enemy to attack your identity and security in God.

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**<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”**

— Matthew 5:11-12 (NIV)