

Checking In

1. Take a few minutes to check in with everyone, see how they are doing, and open with prayer.
2. Church Life: Padre's Game tickets are on sale this Sunday for our all church outing. The Belong Class (church membership) starts again May 20th. Sign up this Sunday.

Learning

Knowing God

Key Doctrines

- *Kingdom* – There is an already, but not yet reality to the kingdom of God. The kingdom was already inaugurated in hiddenness in Jesus' incarnation, but it is not yet consummated in the vividness of his judgment.
- *Hell*–The place outside of God's kingdom where people will experience the pain and sorrow of life apart from God.

Key Observations

- *Read:* Matthew 13:47-50
 - In what ways does this passage demonstrate the already, but not yet reality of the kingdom? In other words, how is the kingdom at work presently, and how will it operate at the end of the age?
 - What does this passage teach us about God's justice and judgment? When will his justice and judgment be fully expressed, and what will be its effect?

- *Read:* Matthew 4:18-22, Matthew 8:5-13
 - What role do we have in Jesus' current kingdom fishing expedition? In other words, how has Jesus enlisted his disciples (followers) to participate in his present kingdom work?
 - What kind of fish are we supposed to look for? In other words, who are we called to share the gospel with?
 - Are there people (individuals or groups) whom you are resistant to sharing the gospel with? If so, why is this and what do you believe God's invitation is for you here?

Listening

Responding to God

- In light of hearing this week's sermon, our study together, and listening to God's Word, how might God be inviting you to take a step of obedience?

Loving

Obeying God

- What is happening in my own life right now that I need to share and for which I need prayer?
- This week I am committed to praying for _____ about:

Checking Out

- What was most meaningful about this group session for you
(*Give each person 1-2 sentences to share*)?

- Close in Prayer and Read Matthew 4:19.