

## Checking In

1. Take a few minutes to check in with everyone, see how they are doing, and open with prayer.
2. Church Life: The Belong Class (church membership) starts again May 20<sup>th</sup>. Sign up this Sunday.

## Learning

### *Knowing God*

#### Key Doctrines

- *God*—God is a gracious King who loves to share his kingdom.
- *Salvation*—Salvation is a free gift of God's grace. It is received by faith. Faith entails both surrender and embrace.

#### Key Observations

- *Read: Matthew 13:44-46, 6:19-21*
  - What do these passages teach us about the value of the kingdom of God?
  - What are you prone to treasure most in life? In short, do you value something above God's kingdom?
- *Read: Isaiah 55:1-5, Romans 6:23*
  - What do these passages tell us about the offer and availability of the kingdom? Can we buy it with our valuables or our virtues, or is it a free gift?

- What does this idea of it costing nothing tell us about God's grace?
- *Read: Matthew 16:24-26, Philippians 3:7-11*
  - What do these passages teach us about the costliness of the kingdom?

## 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

### *Obedying 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 6:21.