

# ANTHEM TRIBE TALKSHEET

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## MORNING ARRIVAL

Instead of doors opening after hangout time, we will do a dismissal announcement to have all students head to their Tribe spaces with their leaders (*around 1040a*).

Upon arriving in your Tribe, there will be donuts and snacks for everyone to enjoy!

There will also be a "Story Cards" box to begin the first Tribe activity.

## STORY CARDS: RELATIONAL BUILDING

Once everyone has a snack, you can begin the "Story Cards", relational activity (*start by 1050a*).



### In the box, you will find:

- (1) An Instructional Card; (2) Light Blue, Starter Question Cards; (3) Dark Blue, Image Cards

### Instructions to run the activity (*also found on the instructional card in the box*):

- **Getting Started:**
  - Spread the dark blue image cards, face-up, in the middle of the group
  - Locate the light blue starter question cards
  - Pick a question and then...deep breath...ask it to the group
  - Everyone will then find an image card and have everyone share
- **Quick Tips:**
  - Be ready to go first...be authentic and transparent
  - Kick things off with enthusiasm and the rest of the group will likely follow
  - Opt for curiosity instead of judgement when reacting to the responses of others

Feel free to complete as many rounds as you'd like before moving to the devotional.

Devotional (*on the following pages*) should be started around 1110a-1115a

## DEVOTIONAL "KINGDOM PEOPLE"



### SCRIPTURES:

- Matthew 4:23-25
- Matthew 5:1-2
- Mark 1:15
- 2 Corinthians 5:20
- 2 Peter 1:3
- Matthew 28:18-20

### The Sermon on the Mount

Here's the scene: Jesus has been going from place to place proclaiming, "The Kingdom of Heaven is here!" But He hasn't just been saying stuff, He's been doing stuff! In Matthew 4 it says,

- *"Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him."* - **Matthew 4:23-25**

People are getting healed; demons are being driven out, and paralytics are standing up on their own two feet! Understandably, Jesus's fame is spreading and great crowds are following Him wherever He goes. But His message is still all about the Gospel of the Kingdom.

What is this Gospel? It's the amazing announcement that through Jesus's intervention in history, our God has once again become King; His Kingdom is coming to Earth, and everyone is invited in.

As Jesus is announcing the arrival of His Kingdom, He takes the time to sit down and clarify what this Kingdom is all about. He does this in the **Sermon on the Mount**.

Arguably the most famous sermon Jesus ever gave, this message includes things like the Beatitudes, Salt & Light, and the Lord's Prayer (*Matthew 5-7*).

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If you've grown up in church, you probably know of these things but may not get the Kingdom connection. Get ready to see Jesus weave this all together. If you don't have any clue what a beatitude even is, welcome to this front row seat to the radical teachings of Jesus!

The Sermon on the Mount serves as our reference, our picture, our gut check for becoming **Kingdom people**.

Why should this title describe us so well? Because as followers of Christ, we are not primarily citizens of any earthly nation, but of God's Kingdom! So, our way of operating in the world should represent our true allegiance. We are called to look different from other people because we are Kingdom people.

Realize that this calling to represent God's Kingdom to the world is a high honor. Jesus picked you, and intentionally nominated you, to be His ambassador. In the U.S., our ambassadors are hand-picked by the president to represent this country to other nations. **You've been hand-picked by the King to represent His Kingdom to all nations!** Take this seriously, but also, don't be worried. God has given you everything you need to do this well. He is with and equips those He calls, and He has called us to be Kingdom people.

### Questions:

- Do you have good friends that are from a different Country? State? School?
  - Do you feel the differences, or are you drawn towards your similarities?
- What does it mean to be a "Kingdom Person"? To represent His Kingdom to all nations?
- How does it feel to know you've been chosen, by God, for this?
- As Jordan said last week, "We reflect Jesus' light." How does this correlate with being an ambassador for God's Kingdom?

### Challenge:

- Journal (*or at least think*) about what it might mean to be a Kingdom person; an ambassador; a living, breathing picture of heaven to our world.
- Read Jesus' Sermon on the mount this week: Matthew, chapters 5-7.
- Choose 1-2 ways you can be that to your friends and family this week.

*\*\*Group devotionals can be found on bible.com or the YouVersion Bible App*