



**JESUS IS ALIVE.**

## The Upside-Down Kingdom of King Jesus

**Icebreaker:** What do you like most about spring and why?

**Worship:** Check out the worship resources we have available on [Lifegroupleaders.com](http://Lifegroupleaders.com). You will find playlists available on Spotify, YouTube and Vimeo. New set list available: [Worship Playlist 11](#).

Blessed Be Your Name | *Matt Redman*

Here I am to Worship | *Hillsong*

Reckless Love | *Cory Asbury*

**Read:** Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28, 38-43; Matthew 6:5-6; 6:19-21; Matthew 7:1-5

**Discussion:** The King of the Universe came to Jerusalem on a donkey. He was beaten and crucified, and His body was put in another man's tomb. After three days in the grave, the stone was rolled away to reveal an empty tomb. Jesus had overcome death. He is clearly the initiator of a new kingdom very different from those of the world. From the beginning of His earthly ministry, Jesus told us and showed us what this upside-down kingdom would look like. Read these excerpts from the Sermon on the Mount aloud and discuss the following questions.

1. How does Jesus take common understanding of laws and practices and turn them upside-down? (murder, adultery, justice, giving, prayer, judging)
2. Which of the following excerpts is most convicting for you and why?
3. What might this "new kingdom" look like in your context right now—where you live, work and do life?
4. How would you describe this upside-down kingdom to someone who does not follow Jesus?

**Prayer:** Break up into groups of 2 or 3 and pray for each other to embrace the counter-cultural ways of Jesus.