Introduction

The gospel isn't just about our future hope - it's about transforming our present reality. When Jesus announced that the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand, He invited us into a new way of living that impacts both our eternal destiny and our daily lives. As recipients of God's grace, we're called to be channels of that same grace, actively participating in bringing God's kingdom values of justice, compassion, and righteousness into our world. This means our faith should be visible in how we serve others, care for the vulnerable, and work for justice in our communities.

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- If you could instantly solve one problem in your community, what would it be and why?
- How have you experienced God's grace this week, either in receiving it or having the opportunity to extend it to others?

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, stood out to you, or challenged you from this weekend's teaching?

Watch the Video (5 minutes)

Group Discussion (35 minutes)

- 1. What is one way you can share the grace of God with someone this week?
- 2. Read Matthew 25:34-40.
 - What specific actions does Jesus highlight in this passage?
 - What do you think Jesus wanted his listeners to understand?
- 3. Read about how the early church lived out the Gospel in <u>Acts 4:32-25</u>.
 - How did the early church demonstrate the Gospel through their actions?
 - What principles can we apply today?
- 4. What specific areas of need or injustice break your heart? What keeps you up at night?
- 5. Is there anything you sense God wants you to learn or is asking you to do?

Action Item (10 minutes)

Make a plan to serve together as a group. Some ideas:

- Serve in an area someone shared in question #4 or #5.
- Who do you know? Is there a neighbor, relative, or friend who has a need your group can help meet?
- Find local organizations to serve with on our <u>Serve Your Community page</u>.

• Help welcome new guests to church at Easter services. Sign up at servenow.sv.cc.

Prayer (5 minutes)

Jesus, thank you for how You have served us. You showed your love for us in that while we were still sinners, you died for us. Help us to see people the way You see them, Jesus. If there is someone you want us to serve, Holy Spirit we ask that you would bring that person to mind. Give us the courage to take whatever step you may be asking us to take. Help us to share your love with others. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Announcements (5 minutes)

- Easter Celebration is coming soon!
 - We will welcome hundreds of new guests to our campuses this Easter and want to invite you and your group to help welcome them. Sign up to serve at an Easter service at <u>servenow.sv.cc</u>.
 - Please take a moment to register for a service time. Go to <u>easter.sv.cc</u> to check out the service times for each campus. This is also a great time to invite someone that you know! It could be your family member, neighbor, co-worker, or friend. All you have to do is invite, and God will do the rest!