LEADERS GUIDE

Teaching Series

The Seeker's Guide to the Kingdom of God

Original Christianity

Based on the book by
Terry Stueck

High Plains Bible Mission
www.high-plains.org • kingdomoriginalchristianity.com

For group study, church classes, and small groups

Introduction for Leaders

This Leaders Guide supports the teaching series based on The Seeker's Guide to the Kingdom of God by Terry Stueck. The book restores the original understanding of the Kingdom of God as Jesus taught it and as the first three centuries of believers lived it: a functioning commonwealth kingdom with a King and a domain, not a religion or institutional church.

Entrance into this Kingdom requires four profound changes:

- A change in citizenship
- A change in government
- A change in allegiance
- A change in ownership

Anything less falls short of Kingdom citizenship. Early believers were willing to die for this difference. The guide is designed for 8 sessions suitable for church classes, small groups, or the accompanying video series.

How to Use This Guide

1. Participants should read the assigned chapters before each session.
2. Begin with prayer, then briefly review the session summary.
3. Use the discussion questions to facilitate interaction. Encourage honesty about the cost of the changes required.
4. Close with the application step and prayer focus.
5. Sessions can be adjusted for video viewing time or shortened for a single class.

Core Definition

Kingdom = King + Domain. Jesus is King. The domain is the territory over which He rules with absolute authority. Staying in the domain (not merely acknowledging the King) is where favor and the abundant life are found.

Session 1: What Is a Kingdom?

Focus: Introduction and Chapter 1

Key Scriptures: Matthew 6:33; Acts 17:7; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

A kingdom is the territory over which a king rules with absolute authority. In earthly terms, the king owns everything in the realm; subjects share in the commonwealth as they manage the king's resources. Private ownership was central to the American Revolution and, earlier, to the overthrow in the Garden of Eden. Jesus is both King (we surrender the right to rule ourselves) and Owner (we surrender private ownership).

Discussion Questions

6. How does the definition "king + domain" change the way you have understood the Kingdom of God?
7. In what ways has modern culture made it difficult to comprehend a true kingdom?
8. What does it mean practically that Jesus owns you (1 Cor. 6:20)?

Application

Identify one area of your life where you are still acting as the owner or ruler rather than a subject of the King.

Prayer Focus

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any resistance to the King's absolute authority in your life.

Session 2: The 1st Century Kingdom of God

Focus: Chapter 2

Key Scriptures: Acts 2:44-45; Acts 4:32; Acts 17:7

For its first three centuries, Christianity was a functioning commonwealth kingdom. Believers were citizens of a nation, not members of a religion. Everything was shared; no one claimed private ownership. They lived under King Jesus with a borderless domain. This was radically different from today's church culture.

Discussion Questions

9. How does the description of the early believers as a commonwealth challenge modern church practice?
10. What does "citizens, not members" mean for your identity in Christ?
11. Why were early Christians willing to die for this way of life?

Application

Consider one practical way your group or household could practice greater sharing of resources this week.

Session 3: How We Lost the Kingdom

Focus: Chapter 3

Key Scriptures: Genesis 3; Luke 17:20-21

The Kingdom was lost when private ownership and self-rule displaced God's ownership and kingship. The Garden of Eden was the original insurrection. Later cultural and political shifts (including the American emphasis on private property) further obscured the original domain. Losing either the King or the domain means losing the Kingdom.

Discussion Questions

12. Where do you see the spirit of private ownership most clearly competing with Kingdom values today?
13. How has the loss of the domain affected the message of the modern church?
14. What would it look like to recover the domain in your personal life?

Session 4: How Do We Get the Kingdom Back?

Focus: Chapter 4

Key Scriptures: Matthew 6:33; John 3:3-5; Acts 2:38

Recovering the Kingdom requires intentional change in citizenship, government, allegiance, and ownership. It is not automatic upon profession of faith. The early church demonstrated that the Kingdom is available now. The Seeker's Guide provides the practical pathway to re-enter and remain in the domain.

Discussion Questions

15. Which of the four changes feels most costly or most necessary for you right now?
16. How does "seeking first the Kingdom" (Matt. 6:33) differ from seeking religious activity?
17. What steps can a person take this week to change allegiance?

Session 5: Ownership vs. Commonwealth

Focus: Chapter 5

Key Scriptures: Acts 2:44-45; Acts 4:32; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Psalm 24:1

The King owns everything. Subjects manage His resources for the common good. Private ownership is incompatible with true Kingdom citizenship. The early church lived this reality; modern culture resists it. Commonwealth living produces mutual prosperity under a benevolent King.

Discussion Questions

18. How does viewing your possessions as managed rather than owned change your decisions?
19. What fears arise when you consider giving up the right of private ownership?
20. Where have you seen (or could you create) a practical expression of commonwealth in the church or community?

Session 6: The Cost of the Kingdom

Focus: Chapters 6–7

Key Scriptures: Matthew 13:44-46; Luke 14:25-33; Mark 8:34-38

The Kingdom is of inestimable value, yet it costs everything. Discovering its true nature leads to counting the cost of citizenship, government change, allegiance, and ownership. Early believers understood this cost and embraced it. Partial commitment is not Kingdom life.

Discussion Questions

21. What is the most significant "treasure" you would have to release to fully enter the domain?
22. How does Jesus' teaching on counting the cost (Luke 14) apply to Kingdom citizenship today?
23. Share a time when the cost of following Jesus felt high. How did you respond?

Session 7: The New Testament Promised Land

Focus: Chapters 10–11

Key Scriptures: Hebrews 3–4; Joshua 1; Numbers 13–14

The New Testament Promised Land is the place of rest found in the Kingdom domain. The wilderness journey represents the process of leaving the old government and citizenship behind. Many remain in the wilderness because they refuse the full change of ownership and allegiance required to enter rest.

Discussion Questions

24. In what ways might you still be living in the "wilderness" rather than the rest of the Kingdom?
25. How does the warning of Hebrews 3–4 apply to entering and remaining in the domain?
26. What "giants" of private ownership or self-rule must be faced to enter the Promised Land?

Session 8: Foundations and Life's Final Lesson

Focus: Chapters 15–16, Conclusion

Key Scriptures: Matthew 6:33; Acts 2:42-47; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Scripture foundations confirm the Kingdom as both present and practical. The final lesson is living as citizens under the King's ownership, experiencing the abundant life available only in the domain. The Seeker's Guide equips believers to remain in the Kingdom rather than merely knowing about the King.

Discussion Questions

27. What is one concrete change you will make this month to live more fully as a Kingdom citizen?
28. How can this group continue to support one another in the four required changes?
29. What aspect of the teaching series or book has most transformed your understanding?

Application & Commission

Commit as a group to one ongoing practice of commonwealth living or Kingdom allegiance. Pray for one another by name regarding the cost of full citizenship.

Additional Resources

• The Seeker's Guide to the Kingdom of God — Terry Stueck (full book)

• The Kingdom in 1st Century Christianity — Terry Stueck (companion scholarly volume)

• Forgive Instantly & Live Free — Terry Stueck (related teaching on ownership and freedom)

• Kingdom Original Christianity YouTube channel and website for teaching videos

May this guide help leaders equip seekers to enter and remain in the Kingdom domain under King Jesus.

— High Plains Bible Mission