

FOOD FOR THOUGHT *(continued)*

TAKING IT HOME

1. Read **Romans 12:2**. This verse reminds us that moving in a different direction requires us to think differently.

In what areas of your life have you started to think differently as a result of following Jesus?

2. God's Kingdom isn't ONLY about going to heaven when you die - it's something that Jesus taught we could experience here and now. In your mind, what does it mean to participate in God's Kingdom TODAY? How has that idea come into focus for you?

3. Read **Matthew 6:9-10** and **Matthew 6:33**.

In what ways do these words of Jesus invite us to participate in God's Kingdom TODAY?

4. What might God be asking you to do with this message?

- Change my thinking or behavior in a certain area of my life. (repent)
- Entrust my life to God and obey what he asks me to do. (believe)
- Other:

MESSAGE NOTES

The Rest Of The Story // Week 1

"The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these.

Then the teacher of religious law replied, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth by saying that there is only one God and no other. And I know it is important to love him with all my heart and all my understanding and all my strength, and to love my neighbor as myself. This is more important than to offer all of the burnt offerings and sacrifices required in the law."

*Realizing how much the man understood, Jesus said to him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God." **Mark 12:29-34***

The Kingdom of God is not _____ from you!

*This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. **Mark 1:1***

*He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly. He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross... **1 Peter 2:23-24***

*In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. **1 Peter 1:3***

MEMORY VERSE:

*Later on, after John was arrested, Jesus went into Galilee, where he preached God's Good News. "The time promised by God has come at last!" he announced. "The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!" **Mark 1:14-15***

GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S KINGDOM:

Everybody is _____ to participate in it!



