

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Are you wondering about how your particular church fits into the overall kingdom of God? Are you thinking about how to think about church? This course will help you think practically about how the church works in and advances the kingdom of God.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

This session explores how each local church is part of the kingdom of God, and how that affects how the church does ministry. These courses are designed to help you think through:

- How to reach everyone in your community
- How to partner well with other churches in your community
- How to make Jesus the priority
- How to think about the kingdom of God in daily ministry

KINGDOM



FEATURES

- 6 Videos
- Notes & Reflection Questions
- Digital Handouts



FACULTY

MATT CHANDLER

ED STETZER

J.D. GREEAR

DHATI LEWIS

TREVIN WAX

TRILLIA NEWBELL

COURSE OUTLINE

MEALS + MISSION

Using the parable of the banquet in Luke 14, Matt Chandler takes a look at how Jesus prioritized reaching across differences for the sake of the gospel. He discusses how you can think about reaching those who may not fit in your “target audience”.

SUBVERSIVE KINGDOM

Speaking out of Matthew 16, Ed Stetzer talks about what it means for your church to take part in the Kingdom of God, and how you take an offensive approach to your mission, rather than a defensive one.

LIVING, TEACHING, DOING

J.D. Greear walks through the five identity markers of a disciple: worshipper, family member, servant, steward and witness. He explains what each one means, and how the things your church does contributes to these identity markers.

THE KINGDOM IN YOUR CITY

Dhati Lewis walks through the individualistic character that defines modern America, and how the church can fall into this mindset. He suggests that your church partner with other churches in the community to see the kingdom advanced.

ALL ABOUT JESUS

Using the beginning passages of Mark, Trevin Wax explains that before you do anything *for* Jesus, you need to learn how to be *with* Jesus. He explains what this means, using different passages from that Gospel.

A VISION FOR DIVERSITY

Trillia Newbell walks through the what, why and how of diversity in the kingdom of God. She ends the session with several application points for you to reflect and act upon.

BIOGRAPHIES



Matt Chandler - Lead Pastor at The Village Church

Matt is the lead pastor of teaching at The Village Church in Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas, and the president of Acts 29. He has authored several books, including *Take Heart; Mingling of Souls; Recovering Redemption; To Live Is Christ, To Die Is Gain; Creature of the Word; The Explicit Gospel*; and *Joy in the Sorrow*. Matt and his wife, Lauren, live with their three children—Audrey, Reid, and Norah—in Highland Village, Texas.



Ed Stetzer - Author, Speaker, Radio Host

Ed is a professor and dean at Wheaton (Illinois) College, where he also serves as executive director of the Wheaton College Billy Graham Center. He has planted, revitalized and pastored churches, trained pastors and church planters on six continents, earned two master's degrees and two doctorates, and has written hundreds of articles and a dozen books. He is regional director for Lausanne North America, editor-in-chief of Outreach Magazine and is frequently cited in, interviewed by, and writes for news outlets such as "USAToday" and "CNN." He is the founding editor of "The Gospel Project," a curriculum used by more than 1.7 million individuals each week for Bible study.



J.D. Greear - Lead Pastor of the Summit Church

J.D. is lead pastor of The Summit Church in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina, author of several books and founder of J.D. Greear Ministries. He also is the pastor of "Summit Life," a daily broadcast and weekly TV program, and the "Ask Me Anything" podcast.



Dhati Lewis - Lead Pastor of Blueprint Church and President of Send Network

Dhati is the lead pastor and church planter of Blueprint Church in Atlanta and president of Send Network with the North American Mission Board (NAMB). Dhati and his planting team moved from Denton, Texas, to plant Blueprint Church in 2010 and his experience made him a leader in urban church planting. Now he leads NAMB's church planting initiative, Send Network, which seeks to establish a healthy, multiplying church in every community across North America. Dhati earned his master of arts degree in Cross-Cultural Ministry from Dallas Theological Seminary and received his doctor of ministry degree in Great Commission Mobilization from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, South Carolina. He is most passionate about making disciples, equipping urban leaders and loving his family. On any given day, you might find Dhati coaching his kids in basketball or strategizing on a whiteboard. He is the author of both the Bible studies and books, *Among Wolves: Disciple-Making in the City* and *Advocates: The Narrow Path to Racial Reconciliation*. Dhati is married to his best friend, Angie, and they live in Atlanta with their children and church family.

BIOGRAPHIES



Trevin Wax - Vice President of Research and Resource Development at NAMB

Trevin is vice president of research and resource development at the North American Mission Board and a visiting professor at Wheaton College. A former missionary to Romania, Trevin is a regular columnist for The Gospel Coalition and has contributed to “The Washington Post,” “Religion News Service,” “World Magazine” and “Christianity Today,” which named him one of 33 millennials shaping the next generation of evangelicals. He has served as general editor of “The Gospel Project.” He has authored multiple books, including *The Multi-Directional Leader*, *Rethink Your Self*, *This Is Our Time*, *Eschatological Discipleship* and *Gospel Centered Teaching*. He and his wife, Corina, have three children.



Trillia Newbell - Author and Speaker

Trillia is the author of the kids’ books *Creative God*, *Colorful Us* and *God’s Very Good Idea*, a Bible study on Hebrews 11, *A Great Cloud of Witnesses*, and a Bible study on Romans 8, *If God Is For Us*, as well as the books *Sacred Endurance: Finding Grace and Strength for a Lasting Faith*, *Enjoy: Finding the Freedom to Delight Daily in God’s Good Gifts* (2016), *Fear and Faith: Finding the Peace Your Heart Craves* (2015) and *United: Captured by God’s Vision for Diversity* (2014). Her writings on issues of faith, family and diversity have been published in the “Knoxville News-Sentinel,” “Desiring God,” “True Woman,” “Christianity Today,” The Gospel Coalition, and more. She also was a commentator for World Radio (a sister platform for “World Magazine”). She has spoken at numerous conferences, churches, women’s retreats, colleges and seminaries, including True Woman, The Gospel Coalition Women’s Conference, Southeastern Theological Seminary and more. She served seven years as director of community outreach for the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission for the Southern Baptist Convention. She is currently an acquisitions editor for Moody Publishers.