



## The Church and The Kingdom

**Icebreaker:** If you could go anywhere to do a “FALL” themed activity, where would you go and what would you do?

**Consider together:**

- Reminder: We are talking about the Four Realms of Authority
  - Self
  - **Church**
  - Family
  - Civil Life
- What was the Holy Spirit speaking to you this week as Pastor Mark talked about “Church”?
- What definition of “Church” do you most commonly associate the word with?
  - The church = A local gathering of Believers
  - The Church = Every person who has decided to follow Jesus in every geographical place.
  - Kingdom of God - Gods ways and will expressed on the earth.

**Read Together:** Matthew 13:33 (ESV), Matthew 13:45-46 (ESV), Isaiah 9:6-7 (NASB), Psalm 145:11-13 (NKJV)

**Discuss:**

- What Does God Expect of Us?
- What happens to your mind when you hear “Submit”?
  - **Submission to Jesus’ Authority is Voluntary. If you are forced to do something, that is abuse.**
  - What is the result of Submission to a Good God?

**Read Together:** Matthew 6:9-10 (NASB), Matthew 7:21 (NASB)

**Discuss:**

- What do you imagine would happen if you prayed for God’s will to be done on earth?
- What would happen if every Christian aimed to live a life of loving service? How could the Holy Spirit use us?

**Read Together:** Ephesians 5:1-2 (NASB)

**Discuss:**

- What are practical things we can do to imitate God?

**Read Together:** Zechariah 14:9 (NASB), John 17:22-23 (ESV), Ephesians 4:1-7 (ESV), Ephesians 2:13-22 (ESV)

**Discuss:**

- How can we Be Unified - Submitting to One Another?
- **Realize: Christianity Is Not Just About You**
  - Who does God want to bless through you this week?

**Pray:**

Lord, please let me know how to be the church in my daily life. Help me to walk alongside other members of your body and be a blessing to them. Help me honor and submit to you in everything I do and say. I want to submit to your plan for my life. I also want to promote the dreams you have for the local body of believers gathered at Faith Church Arvada. Help me to hear you and respond as you give me ideas, assignments, and opportunities to grow. I want to be the person and contributor you created me to be. Please empower me with the Holy Spirit! In the name of Jesus, Amen.