**Group Conversations 2024: "HOPE - As in Heaven, So on Earth"**

The primary goal of this 4-week video series is to encourage group conversations on Hope, the Kingdom of Heaven, and the role of participants as hope carriers in their homes, workplaces, and communities. By discussing Scriptures from the gospel according to Matthew, the series aims to help participants integrate these concepts into their thinking so that they can align their lives to be agents of hope.

More material (videos and discussion guides) will be released in January 2024, but this will give you a broad overview of what the content will be for the 4 weeks.

**Week 1: The Coming of the Kingdom** *Scripture: Matthew 4:17-23*

1. Jesus announces the arrival of the kingdom of heaven as good news.
2. Exploring the transformative power of good news and its connection to hope.
3. Emphasizing Jesus' call for partnership in establishing God’s kingdom in daily life.

**Week 2: The Signs of the Kingdom** *Scripture: Matthew 9:1-8*

1. Understanding miracles as signs pointing to the reality of the arriving kingdom.
2. Connecting the signs to the healing and renewing nature of God’s authority.
3. Exploring ways to represent the hope of renewal in homes, workplaces, and communities.

**Week 3: The Teachings of the Kingdom** *Scripture: Matthew 13:1-11*

1. Recognizing Jesus as a teacher of the kingdom and our invitation to partner in renewal.
2. Unveiling the mysteries of the Kingdom through parables for believers.
3. Using the Parable of the Sower to identify personal growth areas for bearing fruit in daily life.

**Week 4: The Mission of the Kingdom** *Scripture: Matthew 28:17-20*

1. Understanding the universal authority given to Jesus, providing hope for all aspects of life.
2. Acknowledging our participation in Jesus' mission by proclaiming Him as King and sharing the hope of His Kingdom.
3. Embracing empowerment through the Holy Spirit to live out the King's teachings, especially the new commandment to love.

Additional Notes:

* Participants are encouraged to pause the video for interactive discussions.
* Facilitating questions provided for continued conversations after the video.
* Scriptures and themes correlate with the DDK material of Sundays just to give people another option as families to participate in the conversations.