



## HOPE SERIES

### Group conversations - Week 4: The mission of the Kingdom

#### Summary of Session 4 for facilitator:

This Scripture brings us full circle in the Gospel according to Matthew, from **Jesus' initial announcement in Capernaum of the Kingdom's arrival to the cosmic reality of Jesus being Lord of all**. The commissioning of His disciples is because He is now Lord of all. This is the good news of every home, place of work, and community: Jesus is Lord of all. And **because of the nature of His authority, there is hope for everything and everyone**. In this conversation, we also begin to ask: **what can it be like to be a hope-carrier in these environments?** There will be some practical ideas, but we must **remember this is a year-theme and therefore we are encouraged to stay engaged** as the year unfolds. We are also invited, in light of what is shared in this video, to **consider important next steps for us to grow in being hope-carriers**.

#### Start the conversation:

Use an ice-breaker to get the conversation going. There will be an opportunity during the video presentation for feedback from the week gone by.

#### Video:

Remind people that there are going to be certain moments in the video that we are going to pause the video for discussion.

- 1st Pause: Turn to another person and share about the week that passed in the light of last week's conversation about the teachings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Were there any new insights about the Kingdom that came to you? Did you discern anything in your own life that could hinder the growth of the Kingdom in you? (This part of the conversation could exceed 5 minutes)
- 2nd Pause: Turn to another person and share what you believe will support and cultivate this mindset in you that Jesus is already Lord in your home, workplace, and community.





### Questions to continue the conversation:

- Q: Share your understanding of what it means to partner with Jesus for the establishing of God's Kingdom now that He has been given all authority in heaven and on earth.
- Q: One of the main things Jesus teaches us about the Kingdom is the importance of serving others as He did. How will this mindset help us to create communities where people belong and grow together in hope?
- Q: When you think about our conversations of the last four weeks, what do you think will be your next important step to live your calling to carry hope into your home, place of work and community?

### End the conversation:

Pray for each other for the next steps God is guiding us to consider. Encourage each other to stay engaged as this year unfolds. Pray for the specific opportunities identified by group members for God's Kingdom to bring hope. Also, pray for the wider Doxa Deo family: that God will continue to reveal the Hope that is in Jesus to and through each partner.

