Series: As we move from the series "I Want to Know What Love Is", we begin this new 6-week series by looking at "Why Jesus" and what it means to have a Kingdom of God Worldview. Then we shift to understanding ourselves to be Christ in the world and what it means to live sacrificially as citizens of the Kingdom of God and yet participants in the material world. Life gets real sometimes, and things get tight. What are we as Christians supposed to do with our resources of time, emotions, and money?

Small Group Tools:

- Weekly 8-12 Minute Video
- Scripture Readings & Reflection Questions for Discussion
- For guidance/direction/help in addressing challenges you may be facing: Coaching available (jeff@pathway.church)

Suggested Small Group Order:

- Informal Fellowship as group members arrive with snacks or meal together (food is good!!)
- Check-in and/or Relationship-building question
- Prayer (for newer groups, always best to ask someone privately beforehand)
- Watch Video
- Discuss video and share responses to Reflection Questions
- Invite group members to share a take-away or personal/group action step
- Closing Prayer (be sure to ask group members how the group can be praying for each other)

Do's and Don'ts:

- DO be flexible... rigidity is not a friend to intimacy and relational growth
- DON'T be afraid to allow questions related to the lesson outside of the suggested ones
- DO encourage group members to read daily life steps
- DON'T forget to read <u>Missional Small Groups</u> by M. Boren if you haven't already!
- DO HAVE FUN TOGETHER!!

Small Group Game of Thrones Week 1

Scriptures and Questions

Luke 9:1-27: What was it about Jesus that caused people to wonder about who he was? What are some of the various beliefs people in our day have about who Jesus is? What does this passage teach us about the true Identity of Jesus and what it means to follow him? How does it contradict some of the popular beliefs of our culture and American politics?

John 8:12-59: How does Jesus claim divinity, being equal to God in John 8? (refer to message notes as needed) What does it mean for Jesus to be "the light of the world?" (Hint; Genesis 1) What does Jesus mean when he says "Before Abraham was born, I am!"? What are some practical implications that will show up if we truly believe that Jesus is the face of God or God with skin?

John 17:1-17: What does Jesus mean when he says "I am the vine and you are the branches."? What does it mean to remain in him? What does it mean to bear fruit? How does the passage encourage you? How does it challenge you?