

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



May 21, 2023 - “Reversal” #1 in the series Upside Down Kingdom

Texts Referenced: Luke 4:14-21, Luke 13:29-30

1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. Consider how we use “kingdom” to organize or classify entities (e.g., The United Kingdom, animal kingdom, the Kingdom of God).
 - What similarities do these “kingdom” examples share?
 - How easy or difficult is it for us to grasp the idea of a kingdom?
3. **Read Luke 4:14-21.**
 - Why would Jesus have chosen the passage from Isaiah to share with those gathered in the synagogue?
 - Why might they have found this “reversed perspective” on the Kingdom of God troubling?
4. **Read Luke 13:29-30.**
 - Why does this view of the Kingdom of God remain challenging in our current world?
 - How could or should the Upside Down Kingdom respond to those who experience the greatest disadvantages in our society?
5. Consider these words from the late Tim Keller, theologian and Presbyterian pastor, “Christianity isn’t something you add; it’s an explosion that changes everything you had.”
 - How do you relate to this statement?
 - How does this statement relate to Hope’s role in the Upside Down Kingdom?
6. How can we pray for you?