

# Table Host Discussion Guide

## Week 7: On Earth As It Is In Heaven

**This week's teaching** builds on last week's focus on Jesus' enthronement and carries it forward into Acts—showing what His reign means *right now* on earth. We will trace the prayer of Jesus in Matthew 6 (“your kingdom come... on earth as it is in heaven”) and define the Kingdom as a **present spiritual reality**: God's rule breaking into real life through the true King, Jesus. We'll see the irony of the cross—Jesus mocked as King while actually establishing His Kingdom through sacrifice—and then watch Acts clarify what happened at Pentecost: Jesus is raised, exalted, and publicly declared **Lord and Messiah** (Acts 2:36). From there, we'll draw four implications of His reign: Jesus is actively reigning until total restoration (Acts 3:21), our highest allegiance is Kingdom citizenship (Acts 4:19–20), the Kingdom cannot be stopped (Acts 5:38–39), and even martyrdom cannot defeat Kingdom people because the enthroned Christ has conquered death (Acts 7:55–56).

### Discussion Questions

- 1. “Kingdom of heaven” vs. “kingdom of God”—what's the difference, and how are these terms often misunderstood?**
  - **Application:** Where are you tempted to treat the Kingdom like “later” or “somewhere else” instead of letting Jesus' rule shape your choices *today*—your home, habits, relationships, and priorities?
- 2. Why was Barabbas such a revealing choice, and what does it expose about how we define “freedom”?**
  - **Application:** When life feels oppressive, what “Barabbas-style savior” do you drift toward—control, anger, image management, political power, comfort, or resentment—rather than surrendering to Jesus' way of freedom through repentance and obedience?
- 3. In Acts 1:6, why were the disciples still asking the wrong question, and how does that show up in us?**
  - **Application:** What “wrong scoreboard” do you use to measure God's work—outward power, cultural influence, comfort, winning arguments, or controlling outcomes? What would it look like to measure your life by **faithfulness** and **disciple-making** instead?
- 4. What does Pentecost reveal about Jesus' reign, and why does Peter quote David to make the point?**
  - **Application:** If Jesus is already enthroned, where do you resist bowing? What area of your life is still “your territory”? What would surrender look like in one concrete decision this week?
- 5. What do Acts 3–7 teach us about living “on earth as it is in heaven,” especially when obedience costs us?**
  - **Application:** Where is God calling you to courageous obedience—speaking truth, refusing compromise, sharing the gospel, or living distinctly? What's one fear you need to hand to the King who reigns?