

## ***Lost in America* (book by Clegg and Bird)**

- Transcendence
- Significance
- Community

### **Jesus...**

- talked about the kingdom more than he talked about the church
- felt an urgency about the kingdom (Luke 4:43)
- used stories and metaphors to describe the kingdom
- prayed for the kingdom to come
- challenged his followers to seek the kingdom first
- sent his apprentices out to preach the kingdom
- gave his followers the “keys to the kingdom”
- spoke about the kingdom even after his crucifixion and resurrection

### **...was obsessed with the kingdom**

### **What was Jesus talking about?**

#### The kingdom isn't...

- Life with God in the hereafter
- An earthly empire
- A structured institution
- A place to go to

#### The kingdom is...

- Life with God in the here *and* the hereafter
- From another place
- An organic movement
- A community on mission

The kingdom isn't...	The kingdom is...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ A fortress to keep the unholy world out</li> <li>■ About us attracting people to our church building</li> <li>■ About catering to religious consumers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ A force powerfully advancing into the world</li> <li>■ About us invading our community with Christ</li> <li>■ About modeling a new way of living</li> </ul>

## The good news of the kingdom...

Is not...	Is...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ That the kingdom is going to show up someday</li> <li>■ About our personal salvation and private piety</li> <li>■ About getting people to make professions of faith</li> <li>■ About believing doctrines</li> <li>■ For people who've got it all together</li> <li>■ About doing God's work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The kingdom is here right now ("in you")</li> <li>■ About God redeeming all that he has made</li> <li>■ About transforming lives, communities, and cultures</li> <li>■ About fleshing out the truth</li> <li>■ For sinners, broken people, and ordinary folks</li> <li>■ About being the people of God</li> </ul>

## What might it look like for us to "make the kingdom tangible"?

**The kingdom was Jesus' magnificent obsession. What is our obsession?**