

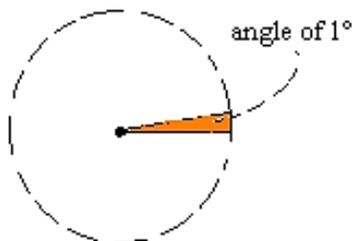
## *THE UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE*

### Week #3

#### 1. REVIEW LAST WEEK'S ASSIGNMENT

Take one phrase from the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:17-49) that captures your attention about making changes in your life.

- Write down the phrase.
- How would that phrase lead you to:
  - “Change the pace”
  - “rethink the plan”
  - “reset the hands of time”
  - feel uncertain
  - be disruptive



What is **ONE THING** that you could do this week to move towards this change in your life as you live as a disciple of the upside-down kingdom?

Who will keep you accountable?

## Watch Video:

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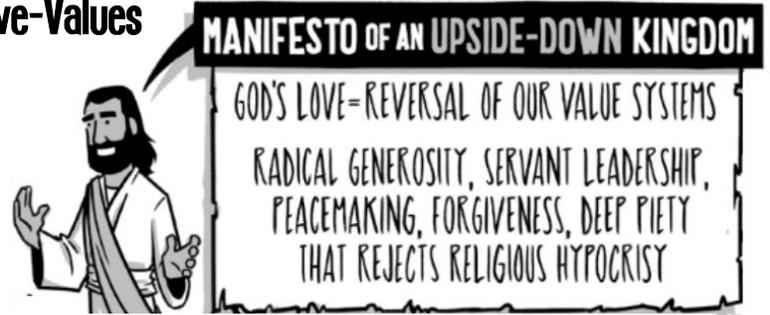
## Christmas Kingdoms

*with Aaron Edwards*



In 2005, third generation pastor Aaron Edwards left his predisposed idea of church to transplant his growing ministry and plant a new church at MainStreet Crossing in Tomball, Texas. The idea was simple, the trend was coffee-shop-community. However, in a short period of time, in what should have grown into a trendy, artistic community, became a home for broken and wayward souls. The "unchurched" taught him that if their faith wasn't transforming their lives, it was not a faith worth pursuing. Aaron found himself being schooled by God in an entirely new and challenging way. What was revealed to Aaron was that to preach about a God who transforms would be accepted more readily by his community, as he began to surrender daily to being transformed by the God who saves. In this he discovered that to get beyond his own predisposition of God and others, he had to reconcile his judgments of himself. The result of leading in this way of living has shaped Sundays into a community that attracts people who long to expose their heart's pain for God's ultimate transformation and healing. Aaron strives to move closer to God through his relationships as a husband, father, son, brother, friend and counselor. Aaron is interested in writing and creating as an expression of what he sees happening within his community and how that relates to the healing of the world.

2. **Upside-Down Christmas Trees and God's Love-Values**  
How do the things that Aaron Edwards and his church community have discovered line up with the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:17-49)?





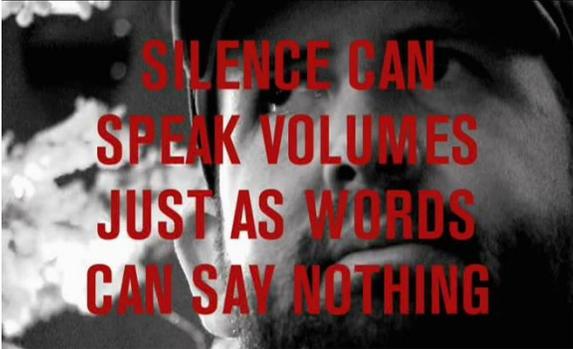
**YOU HAVE  
TO LET GO  
TO HOLD ON**



**WE FIND OUR  
STRENGTH IN  
OUR WEAKNESS**



**IN EMBRACING  
OUR SORROW  
WE FIND OUR JOY**



**SILENCE CAN  
SPEAK VOLUMES  
JUST AS WORDS  
CAN SAY NOTHING**

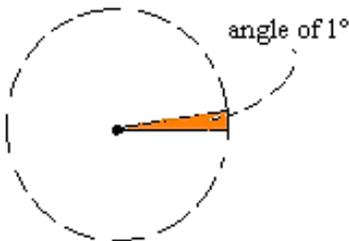


**YOU CAN'T KEEP LOVE  
BECAUSE LOVE ISN'T LOVE  
UNTIL YOU GIVE IT AWAY**



**Which of the above picture/phrases would be encouraging to you?**  
**Choose from the available printed versions, take it home, & post it.**

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