

## King and the Kingdom- Part 1

### Main Idea

The church needs to wake up to the reality there is a war going on around us, and we need to choose to follow Jesus as our King.

### Starter

What is a celebration and challenge in your life currently?

### Discuss

What is a spiritual battle you are facing right now?

*Before jumping into the discussion, spend some time praying for each other as the Holy Spirit leads.*

### Scripture

Read Ephesians [6:10-18](#) and discuss:

- What does this passage say about the reality of spiritual warfare?
- Why is it important to know who our real enemy is? What happens if we don't?
- How does Paul say we are to fight our spiritual battles? How could you take this reality more seriously in your life?

Have someone else read [Matthew 16:13-18](#). Then discuss,

- How does Jesus' promise about the church encourage or challenge you?
- What does it mean to you for Jesus to be your King, not just your Savior?

### Apply

Before you close, give everyone a quiet moment to pause and pray about the following questions:

1. What is a way you need to trust Jesus more as the King of your life?
2. What is a step of obedience you could take this week?

Before you pray, give everyone a minute to share what God put on their heart and then spend time praying together as the Holy Spirit leads. Depending on the size of your group, you may want to break into groups of 2-3 to pray for each other more personally.