

King and the Kingdom- Part 2

Main Idea

If you're going to follow Jesus as your King, you need to connect intentionally with God *and* with other believers.

Starter

Who is someone who has made a difference in your relationship with Jesus? How did they impact your life?

Discuss

How can we pray for you and/or your family?

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

Scripture

Read [Matthew 9:35-38](#) and discuss:

- What does this passage show you about Jesus' heart for people?
- How do you think you could see other people the way Jesus does?
- When did you first realize Jesus sees and cares for you personally?
- How do you think you could see yourself the way Jesus sees you in your life now?

Pick two people to read [1 John 1:1-7](#) and [1 John 4:7-12](#). Then, discuss:

- What do you notice about the connection between our relationship with Jesus and fellowship with other believers?
- How do these verses encourage or challenge you?

Apply

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

1. What is a truth about God or yourself you need to embrace more in your life?
2. Who is someone in your life you feel led to connect more intentionally with? What is a step you could take this week?

Before you pray, give everyone a minute to share what God put on their heart. Then, spend time praying for each other and our church to see ourselves and others the way Jesus does. This week, pray specifically that God would increase our church's confidence in Jesus as our King and for the Holy Spirit to raise up more workers for the harvest.

Depending on the size of your group, you may want to break into groups of 2-3 to pray for each other more personally.