



The Church Living Under the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Ice Breaker: What is your favorite Candy Bar?

Please read together: John 12:12-19 (NIV)

They were calling Him King. They were quoting scripture and declaring that HE was the one they had waited for over the generations. He was the one that the prophecies spoke about. This was the one who was going to overthrow Rome and restore them to their rightful land
By the end of the week, they were yelling “Crucify Him”

Discuss:

- What changed from the time they waved Palm branches to the time when they screamed “Crucify Him!”?

How Can God’s People Miss Being Under the Kingship of Jesus?

1. We selectively read and interpret biblical promises of what Jesus our King came to do.
 - a. Can you think of something that you have misinterpreted in the Bible and realized that
2. We are consumed with defeating the wrong enemy.

Read together:

Ephesians 6:12-13 (ESV)

Discuss:

God’s people were looking for a political savior.

Who do you think could be the political savior of America?

When your #1 enemy is not King Jesus’ #1 enemy, you may find yourself as a pawn in the hand of THE enemy.

When have you found yourself being a pawn in the hand of the enemy?

3. Our primary focus is the earthly preservation of our nation.

Read Together:

Philippians 3:20 (NKJV) and 2 Timothy 2:1-4 (NIV)

Discuss:

- The Critical issue today is dullness. Have you lost your astonishment at the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
- Paul tells Timothy to join with him in Suffering! What are you suffering right now?
- Paul is explaining that there is a difference between the kingdom of God and the Kingdom of the Earth.
What does the kingdom of the earth look like?
How are we looking different from the Kingdom of the Earth?
- No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer.

Who is your commanding officer?

Whatever you do, do it with the heart that serves your eternal King.

How Do God's People Live Under the Kingship of Jesus?

1. Become familiar with the heart and context of the whole Bible.
 - a. Get to know the bible. Start reading the word of God.
2. Become consumed with defeating the enemy of our King.
Who is the enemy of our King?
Your purpose is to dismantling Jesus' enemy.

3. Become consumed with the salvation of all people.

Read: Luke 19:10 (ESV)

Pray diligently for the Gospel to go forward where you cannot go.

Stop looking for another King. He is in our Midst.

Pray together:

Father, wisdom is the cry of our hearts. We want to align with you as we face the circumstances of our day. We recognize that there are times we have allowed the enemy to use us to cause division. We realize that we have put other leaders and other values before yours at times. Teach us to see how you see. Open the eyes of our hearts to see beyond our current circumstances. Show us what you are doing and align our hearts with what YOU value. We want to be faithful. We want to stand for what is right. We confess that it is hard to discern what you see as important. Help us to hear your voice behind us saying, "This is the way, walk in it." We need your help. Let us not be used as a pawn of the enemy. Show us how to stay aligned with you. Help us to stay in step with your provision, your priority, your plan. In the name of Jesus! Amen!