



## The Forgotten King

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

- The central plotline of Scriptures reveals that Jesus is the King. Without this framework Christianity tends to become consumeristic and individualistic (ie. My sins get forgiven, and I get to go to heaven). We may then begin to treat Jesus primarily as dealer of products that benefits us rather than a King that deserves and demands our Allegiance.
- Jesus is King **FIRST**, and because He is King, he can love, save, forgive and lead us!
- The term "Christ" was originally a royal title meaning "Anointed One" or "King," not a name.
- The message of the Gospel is not just about personal salvation but about aligning with the reign of Jesus as King.

1. If you grew up attending church, summarize the belief template you were taught in 3–5 short statements. Here's an example: • God created. • Mankind sinned. • God sent Jesus. • Believe: Forgiveness and Heaven • Don't Believe: Hell

2. Which of these terms best describes the Jesus you learned about in church or school: **Savior, Friend, Lord, Forgiver.**

3. Read Luke 1:30–33 aloud in your group, where an angel announced to Mary about the coming of Jesus: But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

What stands out to you about the angel's description of Jesus as King?

How is the message of Jesus as King of God's Kingdom good news in your life?

What is your reaction to this statement: *Jesus did not come to die; he came to reign.*

4. How would it look different if the church prioritized advancing God's kingdom rather than individual salvation?

**Assignment:** As you read scripture this week, substitute the phrase "*King Jesus*" every time you see the word "*Christ*." What do you notice?