



## Week Two | Kingdom

### Key Things You Heard

- When you don't have your life surrendered to someone higher than yourself, everyone does what they want.
- We are bad at picking kings.
- We are not good kings.
- All kings are tough, but not all kings are good.
- True kings don't sit on small thrones.

### Pray

Precious Father, help each of us to come to an understanding of the need to have you as King of our lives. Let us understand that you are King and that you never surrender that position to us or anyone else. Let us come to understand that you are a good King. A King that not only rules but also loves us as no one else can. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Tweetable Moments

- "Your outward appearance screams that you are a follower of Jesus, but God looks at your heart."
- "The nice thing about Jesus being your King is you get to dwell in his kingdom."

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### Questions for Conversation

**Icebreaker:** How many Kings can you name? If you like, divide them into categories. Kings of the Bible? Kings in History? Current Kings?

- Read Judges 21:25. “When you don’t have your life surrendered to someone higher than yourself, everyone does what they want.” How do you see this being displayed in society today? How have you seen this statement be true in your life?
- Read 1 Samuel 16:6-7. We are bad at choosing kings. Some examples of kings we choose to rule our lives are; people, emotions, money, and relationships. With which one of these are you struggling? Why?
- Jesus is a tough King. “Love your enemies.” “Bless those who persecute you.” “Forgive.” “Serve one another.” All these are commands of the King. In what areas of your life do you struggle with the King’s commands? Why do you think you struggle in this area? What can those in your group do to help you live faithfully for the King?
- Clayton said, “Jesus, you can sit on the throne of my Sunday, but not my Monday. Jesus, you can sit on the throne of my prayer life, but not my real life. You can sit on the throne of my problems, but not the throne of my successes. You can sit on the throne of getting me a job, but not my finances. God, you can’t sit on the throne of who I marry, but you can sit on the throne of fixing the marriage I got myself into. Jesus, you can sit on the throne of my sickness, but not the throne of my health, it is my life to do with what I want.” What kind of emotions does this statement cause to rise up in you? What area of your life do you tend to try to rule yourself? How’s that working for you? Why are you unwilling to let Jesus rule that area of your life?

### Now Go Do It (resources and next steps)

**Challenge:** If you are struggling with Jesus’ lordship, try attending Regeneration if one is available to you.

For many of us, we keep putting ourselves on the throne of our lives. The answer to this problem is to surrender to Jesus. This week, watch Kyle Idleman’s “The End of Me” on RightNow Media. You can find it here: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Search?q=the%20end%20of%20me>