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PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we acknowledge that you are our King. And because you rule, we find safety being yours, so come and rule mightily in our midst today. In the name of our King Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

If you ruled a country for a week, which country would it be and what would be the first decision you would make as its ruler?

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¹⁷ And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

[LUKE 6:17-19](#)

When Jesus taught his disciples to pray to see his kingdom come on Earth as it is in Heaven, he presented a completely counterintuitive image of what a kingdom should look like.

While most kings are distant and highly esteemed, Jesus and his kingdom were presented in humility and framed in being poor ([Luke 6:20](#)). While the kings of this world would be dissatisfied with their riches, always craving more, Jesus' kingdom was one that would experience the feeding of the hungry, both spiritually and physically ([Luke 6:21](#)).

While most kings can provide shelter for themselves from public opinion, Jesus avails an unashamed willingness to lay his life down for all to find eternal life and fulfilment in him, despite the possibility of persecution and ridicule ([Luke 6:22](#)).

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1 to 10 (1 = not at all, 10 = always), how would you rate your ability to obey God in tough times of decision? Why do you rate it this way?
2. What does it mean to "radically obey" God? What does this look like in your life? Why might this be?
3. What does the "kingdom of God coming to earth as it is in Heaven" mean to you ([Matthew 6:8-9](#))?
4. What is the kingdom of God to you? What is implied by having Jesus as King of your life? Is he King?

5. [Mark 4](#) describes the kingdom of God being like seeds that are thrown down by a sower. How can you prepare and steward what God has given you to do to extend the kingdom of God in your sphere of influence?

PRAYER LIST