



WEEK 7: KINGDOM DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. Why did the people of Israel want a human king when they had God for their King?
2. What do you think it means when we say “Your kingdom come” in the Lord’s Prayer?
3. Read Luke 17:21 & John 18:36. How can the kingdom of God be here in our midst, and not of this world at the same time?
4. Read Exodus 19:6 & 1 Peter 2:9. What does it mean for the kingdom of God to be a kingdom of priests?
5. How can you relate the idea of “a kingdom” to today’s world? Think in terms of workplace, schools, families, and organizations--what makes them like a kingdom?
6. Who is a leader you trust and why?
7. How have you seen power corrupt leaders?
8. What differences do you see between the leadership of David and Saul? Can you see those attributes (both positive and negative) in leaders around you?
9. Israel suffered for choosing to follow a human king. Talk about a time that you got what you wanted, but at a price that was higher than you wanted to pay.
10. What made David “a man after God’s own heart” even though he was flawed? What lesson does this offer for you and me?
11. What characteristic of Jesus’ leadership could you apply to improve your own leadership practice?

ACTION STEPS

1. Kingdoms are made of leaders and followers--both are crucial. Ask a friend which one you are and what three characteristics you best represent?
2. Pick a characteristic of Jesus that you want to implement in your life to advance His kingdom. Write it on a piece of paper and put it someplace you will see it each day this week!