

**Sermon Discussion Guide**  
**100 Day Challenge: The Backstory**  
**Week 8 - The Kings**  
**February 21, 2021**



 **Big Idea**

Jesus is the trustworthy king that humanity needs.

 **Icebreaker**

If you could be king or queen for a day, what laws would you make?

 **Discussion Questions**

1. Read **I Samuel 8:19-20**. Though Israel was set apart by God, they wanted to be like the rest of the world. Where did this attitude come from? As God's chosen people today, how can we still fall into this way of thinking?
2. Read **I Samuel 8:21-22**. God gave the people of Israel what they wanted even though it would end poorly for them. Why? How does this reveal God's grace?
3. David was a deeply flawed individual but still considered a good king. What set him apart from Saul? In what ways has God used you and your gifts despite your flaws?
4. Compare **I Kings 4:29-30** and **I Kings 11:4**. Here we see what happens when wisdom remains only knowledge and isn't applied. How have you used the wisdom you've gained from this series so far? In what ways can you start applying it more?
5. The Kingdom of Judah felt they were untouchable because they had the temple, the bloodline, and the territory. What blessings from God have turned into areas of pride for you? If you're willing, share a time you felt untouchable but were instead humbled.

 **Concluding Questions**

Read **Psalms 24:7-10**. These words were written by David, acknowledging and praising God as king. What areas of your life are you currently the king/queen/ruler of? How can you surrender that to God and trust Him as king?

 **Application**

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Beyond prayer for each other, is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

 **Prayer**

Possible prayer topics for this week:

- Praising the Lord as king
- Trusting in God rather than yourself
- Unity across dividing lines
- Humility with your blessings
- Learning from mistakes
- Not conforming to this world