

6-WEEK STUDY ON JESUS THE KING

WEEK 1

“King Without a Crown”

Mark 1:1-4

WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: Mark 1:1-4

Secondary texts from this week: Isaiah 40:3, Malachi 3:1

GETTING STARTED

Goals for this session: To more fully surrender to Jesus the King

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: Think about bosses you've had. What qualities make a "good" boss good? What qualities make a "bad" boss bad?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In the first three verses of Mark's Gospel, he includes two quotes from Old Testament prophets (Malachi and Isaiah). Have someone in the group read **Isaiah 40:3**. Why do you think Mark chose to include this quote? What is he trying to tell us about the identity of Jesus?
2. Have someone in the group read **Mark 4:4-10**. What do you think Mark is trying to emphasize about Jesus in these passages?
3. Do you agree with Pastor Doug's statement that "we don't want a king?" Do you think there is something in the human heart (especially Americans) that naturally resists authority? Or do we learn that tendency from others?
4. The last year has been hard on everyone. In what ways has this past year been difficult for you and your family?
5. Pastor Doug made the statement that "in the desert" (difficult seasons in our life), we are more susceptible to substitute kings. What examples have you seen of this in your life or others?
6. What would it look like if you fully surrendered to the Lordship (kingship) of Jesus? What obstacles are preventing you from doing so?
7. Have someone in the group read **Colossians 2:15-18**. How does that passage encourage you to fully surrender to Jesus this week?

