

**NOT MY
KING**



8-WEEK STUDY

ON SERVING JESUS INSTEAD OF
OUR EMOTIONS

WEEK 8

“IF JESUS IS MY KING,
THEN I AM NOT MY KING”

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WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: John 3:22-30

Secondary text from this week: John 15:5

GETTING STARTED

Goals for this session: To summarize our learning from this series and take steps to apply it

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

Break the Ice: When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Over the past seven weeks, we have explored seven things that often fight for control of our words, emotions, decisions, and mood. How has the Lord been working in your life in one these areas during this series? **Fear Anger Pride Greed Insecurity My Past Jealousy**
2. As Americans, we don't really like kings. We had one once, and we revolted and formed our own United States as a result. In fact, when we think of a king, we often think of a tyrant or a figurehead. When you think of Jesus as king, what comes to your mind?
3. On Sunday, Pastor Doug preached a message from **John 3:30**, in which John the Baptist said the words, "He (Jesus) must increase, but I must decrease." What does that phrase mean to you? In what ways does this challenge you?
4. Throughout his ministry, John was very clear that he was not the Messiah. Read the following verses and list the ways that John acknowledges who he is and who he is *not*: **John 1:8; 1:20; 1:21; 1:23; 1:27.**
4. In **John 3:27-30**, John uses the metaphor of a Bride, a Groom, and the Friend of the Groom (we would call this person the "best man"). Who does the "Groom" represent? Who does the "Bride" represent? Who does the "Friend of the groom" represent? How would you summarize what John is saying?

Leader Tip: The Groom represents Jesus; the Bride represents the Church; the Friend represents John (or any ministry leader) responsible for helping the Church (Bride) connect with Jesus (the Groom)
5. Have someone read **Luke 9:23-24**. What do you think it means to "deny yourself" and to "take up your cross?" In other words, how can we live in such a way that "I decrease?"
6. Have someone read **John 15:5**. What are some practical ways to remain in Christ? What are some ways you stay connected to the vine in your own life? In other words, how can we live in such a way that Christ increases?

