

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Matthew 21-23: Clash of Kingdoms - Confronting Power, Pride, and Empty Worship

Sermon: Matthew 22:41-46

Date: Sunday, August 2, 2026

1. *Read Matthew 22:41-46.* Jesus uses a question to teach truth to the Pharisees. What are ways we can use questions strategically to lead to conversations about Christ?
2. The Pharisees viewed the Messiah as a political liberator rather than a divine Savior. In what ways are we tempted to view Jesus as a "means to an end" (fixing our politics or our comfort) rather than as our sovereign Lord?
3. Why is it important to root our discussion about Jesus, and other truths about God in Scripture rather than our own thoughts and ideas or cultures thoughts and ideas?

4. What does it mean for your daily life that Jesus is not person from the past but is the sovereign, ruling and reigning Lord? Do we always submit to him as such?
5. *Read Hebrews 1:1-4.* Jesus is seated at the right hand of God because His work is complete. He has made purification for sin. In what ways do you live as if your standing with God still depends on your work instead of Christ's finished work? How can preaching the gospel to ourselves daily help us move away from a religious, works-based mindset?
6. Psalm 110:1 tells us that Jesus' enemies will one day be his footstool. How does the sure victory of Christ give you the courage to endure seasons of hardship and suffering?