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## GROUP / FAMILY DISCUSSION

- What do you think it would be like to live in a kingdom ruled by a king? How might it be different than what we experience today?
- Knowing a little bit about the time and culture before Jesus, how do you think the Jews were feeling about waiting for the Messiah?
- Why is it significant that three Gospel writers share the story in almost the same way?
- In what ways do we sometimes look to Jesus to
  - Be our political warrior?
  - Redeem us to what we believe is our “rightful place?”
  - Grant us victory over our enemies?
- Read **Deuteronomy 17:14-20**. What does this passage say about what Israel’s kings should be like?
  - How is it different from other earthly kings?
  - How does Jesus fulfill this role?
- What does your life look like when you forget that “the King currently rules?”
- Are there areas of your life that you are trying to rule yourself?
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