# **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **DISCOVER WESTBRIDGE - OCTOBER 9TH**

During our Thursday evening service, discover WHY we do WHAT we do the WAY we do it! Learn how you can be a part of it! Go to "events" in the app or scan the QR code to sign up!

### WATER BAPTISM - NOVEMBER 2ND

Are you ready to follow Jesus' example in water baptism? We want to celebrate that with you during our Worship Night! Go to "events" in the app, or scan the QR code to sign up!



PERSONAL NOTES:		





#### **GROUPS LAUNCH THIS WEEK!!!**

LIFE GROUPS are smaller groups of people who commit to meet together consistently for the purpose of growing relationally and spiritually.

Browse all the Life Groups option in the Westbridge Church App and sign up today!

Let us know if you have ANY questions!

## MESSAGE NOTES

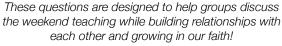
### Kingdom Come // Week 1

Jesus often gets relegated to the following:
1. Phone a <u>FRIEND</u> .
2. Conscience <u>RELIEVER</u> .
3. Sin <u>ERASER</u> .
4. Ticket to <u>HEAVEN</u> .
"Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the son of the Most High. The Lord will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!" Luke 1:30-33
We are invited to receive <u>CITIZENSHIP</u> in God's Kingdom!
HEBREW: Messiah = Anointed One = KING
GREEK: Christos = Anointed One = KING
This wasn't about the forgiveness of sins, this was about the
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Then Pilate tried to release him, but the Jewish leaders shouted, "If you release this man, you are no 'friend of Caesar.' Anyone who declares himself a **KING** is a rebel against Caesar." **John 19:12** 

# LIFE GROUPS

#### **DISCUSSION GUIDE**





October 2nd / 5th, 2025

### **WARM UP**

1. Growing up, what "framework" (rules, beliefs, or traditions) shaped how you thought about God or church?



### **KNOW IT**

- 1. Read *Luke 1:30-33*. What did the angel actually say about Jesus' role and purpose?
- 2. Modern Christianity often reduces Jesus to "Savior" or "ticket to heaven". Where do you see that mindset showing up in churches or in culture?
- 2. If someone asked you, "What does it mean to be a Christian?" what answer would you have given when you were younger? What about today?
- 3. Read **John 19:12.** Why did the religious leaders tell Pilate that anyone who declares himself a king is a rebel against Caesar? What does that reveal about how they understood Jesus' claims?

4. Why do you think Jesus claim to be a KING was so much more dangerous that if he had simply claimed to forgive sins?



### **SHARE IT**

- 1. What's the difference between *believing* in Jesus only as "Savior" versus *following* Him as "King"?
- 2. How have you seen Christianity in our culture reduced to "Jesus saves me so I can go to heaven" instead of "Jesus is King and I live in his Kingdom now"?
- 3. Why do you think it's easy for "Christians" today to "lose the plot" and forget about Jesus as King and his Kingdom?
- 4. What difference would it make for someone in your family, school, or workplace if they understood Jesus primarily as *King* instead of just *Savior*?



### **LIVE IT**

- 1. If Jesus is King, what areas of your life might need to come under his authority in a new way?
- 2. What does it look like to participate in God's Kingdom today in our everyday lives?
- 3. Who in your life needs to hear that the Good News is bigger than just "going to heaven" that it's about living as citizens of God's Kingdom right now? How will your life reflect that message?