Life Group Discussion Questions

Message: A King-ruled Life
Date: November 15

UP – Knowing Jesus Intimately

1. In Acts 13:32–33, Paul connects Jesus' resurrection directly to Psalm 2:7 (*"You are my son; today I have become your father"*), declaring that God kept His promise by installing Jesus as the eternal King. How does viewing Jesus not just as a Savior, but as the reigning King of the universe, deepen your awe and worship of Him?

- *Cross-Reference:* Read **2 Samuel 7:12–14** and **Mark 1:9–11**. How does seeing God's consistent promise across centuries strengthen your trust ***in His faithfulness***?

2. Psalm 2:1–3 describes earthly rulers "raging" and trying to break free from God's rule, while Psalm 2:4 says the One enthroned in heaven simply laughs. When you feel anxious about politics or worldly instability, how does remembering who truly holds ultimate power bring peace to your soul?

- *Cross-Reference:* Read **Colossians 1:15–17** and **Philippians 2:9–11**.

3. In Matthew 17:5, at the Transfiguration, the Father speaks from heaven saying, *"This is my Son, whom I love... Listen to him!"* If a disciple is someone who hears from God and does what He says, what is the difference between treating Jesus as an advisor versus bowing to Him as King?

4. Psalm 2:12 ends with a contrast: warning those who resist the Son, yet declaring, *"Blessed are all who take refuge in him"* (or *"What joy for all who take refuge in him!"*). Share a time when you've experienced the joy that comes from taking refuge under Jesus' kingship rather than trying to rule your own life?

IN – Being Known Authentically

5. The sermon asked us to identify one area of life (finances, relationships, career, parenting, habits) where we have "cut ties" from God's rule and tried to stay in control. Sharing openly with the group—where are you currently tempted to keep the crown on your own head?

6. Surrendering to King Jesus isn't a one-time event; it's a daily posture of laying down pride and self-reliance. How can we as a Life Group practically encourage and hold one another accountable to live under Jesus' authority this week?

7. During Communion, we remember that King Jesus didn't rule from a distant throne, but willingly laid down His life for us. How does serving under a *sacrificial* King change the way we treat, serve, and forgive one another inside our church family?

- *Cross-Reference:* Read **Mark 10:42–45**. How does Jesus redefine authority and leadership for His followers?

8. In Psalm 2:2–3, rebellion against God is viewed as "freedom," when in reality God's rule brings true joy and flourishing. When has a boundary or command from God felt restrictive to you at first, only for you to realize later that submitting to Him protected you?

OUT – Making Jesus Known Practically

9. In our culture, people constantly ask, *"Who has the power?"*—looking to elections, social media, or status for hope. How can our calm confidence in King Jesus make us a hopeful presence among anxious coworkers, neighbors, and friends?

10. Paul shared the gospel in the synagogue by connecting the story of Scripture to the person of Jesus. If a friend or neighbor asked why you let Jesus have authority over your time, money, or decisions, how would you explain that to them in everyday language?

11. Because our lives are not our own and we belong to King Jesus, how does submitting your life to His rule open doors to bless and serve people outside our church?

- *Cross-Reference:* Read **Matthew 28:18–20**. Notice how Jesus' command to "go and make disciples" begins with His declaration that *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."*

12. A disciple hears from God and does what He says. What is one specific way you will bow to King Jesus in your life tomorrow morning?