



GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
Spring Quarter - Lesson 1 - Week of April 3, 2022

Lesson: OH, THAT YOU WOULD CALL ME KING

Bible Verses: Matthew 6:33; Matthew 6:10; Romans 5:3-5; James 1:17; Revelation 22:12

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- If you could learn one new skill, what would it be?
- What's the best part of worshipping at the church building?

DISCUSSION

Jesus is King of the kingdom of God. And when we call Jesus our King, we are declaring that we are in God's kingdom and not the worldly kingdom. Legally, we become His subjects, and God becomes responsible for us.

Read Matthew 6:33. When we seek first the knowledge about His kingdom, we learn that kingdoms operate with a king. And the king has full authority over his kingdom. With that in mind, even though we live in a temporal world, we get to choose to be in it and not of it.

1. Do you live in God's kingdom or do you vacillate between His kingdom and the world's system?
2. Are you living with scripture in mind?

When we declare that Jesus is our King, it transports us from the world's kingdom to His spiritual kingdom, and this transfer allows Him to be lord over our lives. There is a spiritual shift here that you cannot see with the natural eye, but you can see the fruit or evidence.

Because God is just and righteous, He cannot break laws that He set. He abides by His laws. However, the laws in His Kingdom are different than the world's laws. For example, the world says you should do whatever it takes to move up the corporate ladder. In contrast, God can promote you when you honor your boss and are kind to others, even if they are not kind in return.

1. How can you position yourself in God's kingdom?
2. What are some of the kingdom works?

God's ways are higher. His ways trump the ways of the world. In other words, being in His kingdom allows Him to operate on our behalf. In His kingdom, our will and desires start lining up with His will and His kingdom purposes. We begin to play a part in His redemption plan. Everything we need is available to us and through us from the Father, through Christ Jesus.

COMING UNDER HIS LORDSHIP.

Many Christians never flourish or have success with God's promises because they stop at salvation. They receive Jesus and are baptized into the church but they do not allow Him to be their Lord. God has many characteristics and many facets to His character. But we get to choose whether we take the time to know Him in all of them.

Everything we need is available through Christ - not some things, but everything. Operating in His kingdom and doing things right (God's way) is the secret to success. Through Jesus, we have access to bring whatever we need from heaven onto earth to do His kingdom's work.

1. How long have you been under the lordship of Jesus?
2. Do you find yourself listening to others over your King (Jesus)?

POSITIONED IN HIS KINGDOM.

When we are born again (believe and baptized) by the Spirit, we receive access to His kingdom. By calling Jesus our King, His word has the power to manifest itself. The list of what He does for us is immeasurable! Read James 1:17. Our God always has our best interests in mind.

God wants us to walk in His ways because doing so unleashes blessings. The blessings chase us down to create an overflow so that we can do His work and bless others. God wants us to grow in fellowship with Him.

You see, God is so good! He is positioning us for eternal rewards. Read Revelation 22:12.

Prayer Focus: Pray to let Jesus be your King and Lord over your life.