



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

Is Jesus the King of Everyday Life? November 21st, 2021

John 18:33-37 (NIV)

33 Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

34 “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

35 “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

36 Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

37 “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

1. Name a king you admire from fiction or history. How is Jesus like that king?
2. Why would Pilate care if Jesus was a king?
3. Jesus neither affirms that he is a king, nor does he deny it. What do we learn about Jesus from his words?

4. What are some differences between Jesus’ kingdom and a political empire?
5. List ways that Jesus was, on the surface, not like a king as he stood before Pilate.
6. List ways that Jesus was, in a deeper sense, just like a king as he stood before Pilate.
7. Name some things in your everyday life look on the surface like Jesus is not in charge. What helps you trust Jesus instead of trusting the way things appear?
8. Give some examples of when the way something looks is deceiving and the promise of God is more true.
9. Imagine someone in your Life Group was having a rough week, and you asked them “How are you?” They responded, “Not great, but the King is on his throne.” How would you interpret those words?
10. What from this Bible study will help you in the week ahead?