

THE KING'S AUTHORITY

Until the will and the affections are brought under the authority of Christ, we have not begun to understand, let alone accept, His lordship.

-Elizabeth Elliot

Additional texts: Isaiah 9, John 3

I. The King's Message

II. The King's Call

III. The King's Power

Small Group Application Questions

Getting to Know You

1. Apart from marriage, what is the biggest life-changing decision you have made?

Into the Bible

2. Isaiah 11 is another prophecy that looks beyond a promised deliverance from the Assyrians, who were threatening Jerusalem, to another, greater, deliverance, when the rule of the coming Branch of Jesse would be over both Jews and Gentiles. Read Isaiah 11:1-16. What are the characteristics of this coming universal reign?

3. Matthew 4:23-25 is a summary of what Jesus's earthly ministry would consist of. Read Isaiah 35:1-10, which is a prophecy about the time of Messiah. How many references can you find that apply to things that Jesus did or said during his time of ministry?

Application

4. How do we know when God is asking us to make a major change in our lives? What does a response in faith look like?

5. The calling of Peter, Andrew, James and John didn't come in a vacuum. We know that Peter and Andrew had been disciples of John the Baptist. They were pointed to Jesus by John (John 1:35-42.) Their commitment to Jesus as Messiah increased during their years of following him. Is your commitment to Jesus Christ continuing to increase as you walk with him? What can you do as a group to encourage each other to that kind of increasing level of commitment?

For Families

6. Talk with your children about how Christ's healing demonstrated his compassion. How can you as a family show compassion to others?