



## The King Who Changes Everything

### Part 2: *A Dangerous King*

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#### **Big Idea/Recap**

This week pushed the conversation deeper: we don't just believe things about Jesus, we end up giving our allegiance to someone or something. The invitation of Jesus is to **thoughtfully consider** who he is, and then make the most dangerous and most liberating move possible: **shift allegiance from the kingdoms of this world to the Kingdom of God.**

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#### **Key Scriptures**

- **Mark 1:14–15** (The Kingdom is near; “repent and believe”)
  - **Matthew 6:25, 31–33** (Seek first the Kingdom; don't live driven by worry)
  - *Optional references if your group wants more: Matthew 6:10; John 18:33–36; 1 Timothy 6:12; 2 Timothy 4:6–7*
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#### **Discussion Questions**

- What's a role you've had in life that people started using as your identity (work role, “sport parent,” “the funny one,” “the responsible one,” etc.)? How did it feel?
- When you think about the word “allegiance,” what comes to mind? Does it feel positive, negative, or a bit intense?

- What's something you've changed your mind about over the last few years? What caused the shift?
- The message suggested we all "pledge allegiance" to something, even if we'd never say it out loud. What are some modern "kings" people live under today?
- If someone followed you for a week, what evidence would they use to guess what you're most loyal to?
- Which of these tends to grab people hardest (and why): approval, comfort, control, success, money, productivity, sport/kids' schedules, phone/attention?
- Where do you think the pressure comes from to stay loyal to those things? (family expectations, fear, survival, culture, past wounds, insecurity, etc.)

### **Read Mark 1:14-15**

- What stands out to you in Jesus' opening announcement?
- The message highlighted that "repent" is more than "feel bad." It involves thoughtful consideration and a change of direction. What do you think Jesus is asking people to reconsider?
- What do you think makes Jesus' invitation feel both dangerous and freeing?
- If you're new to faith: what would you need to be true about Jesus to even consider shifting your allegiance to him?
- If you've followed Jesus for a while: what's one way "repent and believe" still applies to you now (not just when you first became a Christian)?

### **Read Matthew 6:25, 31-33**

- What does Jesus assume we'll be tempted to "run after" (worry, security, image, provision)? Where do you see that in your own life?
  - What do you think Jesus means by "seek first the Kingdom" in a normal Brisbane week (work, parenting, money decisions, relationships, online habits)?
  - When Jesus says God already knows what you need, what part of you resists that? What part of you wants to believe it?
  - What's the difference between:
    - "Jesus is my Saviour" (important) and "Jesus is my King" (complete)?
  - The message pointed out we're often happy for Jesus to rule "the world," but not always our world. Where is that tension most real for you?
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- Imagine you got that "7-day report" on your choices, reactions, calendar, spending, scrolling, and stress. What do you think would show up as your real priorities?
  - Where do you think Christians most commonly live "in defiance" of the King they claim to follow (as a broad observation, not naming people)?
  - What do you think is underneath that gap: hypocrisy, fear, busyness, lack of formation, disappointment, or something else?

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 **Challenge Question (For Takeaway):**

- Where do you resist submitting to King Jesus most?

**Prayer:** *“Jesus, we want more than comfort. We want your leadership. Help us notice where our allegiance has drifted, and give us courage to seek your Kingdom first this week.”*