

JESUS CHRIST

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SERMON NOTES: THE KING WE DIDN'T KNOW WE NEEDED (21 February 2016)

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 8

Matthew 27:27-31

KEY POINTS

- + We want it both ways: to be our own king, but also to have a king lead us and take the responsibility we ourselves don't want to bear
- + The 'soft world'—where we are protected from responsibility/consequence/darkness—is being extended beyond childhood
- + At Easter, God gives us the King we don't just want, but the King we need
- + Three things we're called to do in response:
 - + **Worship:** acknowledge the true King
 - + **Relinquish:** acknowledge that we're not king
 - + **Follow:** be like the King, following His example as a servant

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- + Samuel outlines to Israel the reality of asking for a king, warning them that 'you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen' (1 Sam 8:18). Have you ever been in a position where you have felt the oppression of the king you've chosen for yourself?
- + Israel expects their appointed king to fight their battles for them (1 Sam 8:20). In what ways do you expect other people/institutions/authorities to go into battle for you? How does this perspective change when Jesus is in the King's seat?
- + Consider the three calls that are presented to us (worship, relinquish, follow). What is one way the Lord is prompting you to do in response to each of those calls?

- + **What stuck out to you from the teaching?** Did God remind you of something, or reveal something new? Did the Spirit minister to you?
- + **Were any questions raised for you?** Did you get stuck on any scriptures or points? Anything you need clarity on?
- + **Where do we see Jesus Christ in this teaching?** Jesus is at the centre of everything in the Scriptures. It follows that he is at the centre of everything we understand about church, faith and the Kingdom. What in the teaching has helped you see more of Jesus and the cross, or moved you to love him more?
- + **How can you personally apply this teaching?** Identify and commit to something you sense the Spirit is leading you to do in obedient response. Make it actionable and personal. What is in place to help you stay accountable to this?
- + **What/with whom can you share from here?** Who in your life needs to know the truth you've discovered? How can you share it with them?