

# THE LAST KINGDOM

## Lost in Translation

If we re-center our faith around the arrival of a King rather than a ticket to heaven, we will discover why his arrival and his kingdom is good news for all people.

## Discussion Questions:

1. If you grew up attending church, summarize the belief template you were taught in 3–5 short statements. Here's an example:
  - God created.
  - Mankind sinned.
  - God sent Jesus.
  - Believe: Heaven
  - Don't Believe: Hell

2. Which of these terms best describes the Jesus you learned about in church or school: Savior, Friend, Lord, Example, King, Myth, Jew, or Teacher?

3. Read **Luke 1:30–33** aloud in your group, where an angel announced to Mary about the coming of Jesus:

*But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."*

What stands out to you about the angel's description of Jesus as King? How does the idea of a kingdom that "will never end" impact how you view Jesus today?

4. How would it look different if the church prioritized advancing God's kingdom rather than individual salvation?
  5. What are the implications for you personally and for the church corporately if King and kingdom become the primary story once again?
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