

# THE LAST KINGDOM

## Beyond Pledging Allegiance

People all over the world claim to be Christian based on a belief that Jesus is the ultimate king. But at times, we can find ourselves living in defiance of the very King we swear allegiance to.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What's a role or title people have associated you with that doesn't fully define you? Examples include: "the funny one," "the responsible one," or "the smart one."
2. While Jesus has a number of roles associated with him, the New Testament makes it clear that his main role is that of king. How could thinking of Jesus primarily as your King, not just your Savior, change the way you relate to him?
3. Read **Matthew 6:31–33** aloud. Jesus spoke these words in the Sermon on the Mount:

*"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But **seek first** his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."*

What do you think Jesus meant by "seek first"?

4. If an outside observer looked at your daily priorities, what would they say you are seeking first?
  5. Where do you resist submitting to King Jesus most? Said another way, what are you holding onto, refusing to let go of, or fearful to surrender control of that's limiting you from experiencing his kingdom today?
  6. What is one practical step you can take to shift your priorities toward seeking God's kingdom first?
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