

Beyond Pledging Allegiance

Many are quick to proclaim Jesus as ruler of the world but just aren't ready to surrender and submit to him as ruler of their world. If we're honest, we resist him as ruler or authority over our finances, sexuality, business practices, priorities, thoughts, how we treat others, etc.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Jesus talked about how the kingdom of God had come near, and he invited people to repent. Has the word "repent" held a positive or negative connotation for you? What do you think repent really means?
- 2. We sing songs like "Our God Reigns" and "King of My Heart," but how do we truly surrender and submit to him as the ruler of our personal world? What does it mean to surrender?
- 3. Why is it so difficult for us to surrender control of our everyday lives? Do you think it's an issue of trust?
- 4. When it comes to us trusting God, the secret is found in our perception of who God is and what God is like (his character). How did Jesus instruct us to address God (Matthew 6:9–10)? What is your experience with addressing God as Father?