

## Discussion Questions:

### 1. Presence of a King (Hard)

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How does that shape the way you think about standing in the presence of Jesus the King, especially as we see Him on the cross in Luke 23?

### 2. A King Who Doesn't Save Himself (Hurt)

In Luke 23, people mock Jesus and tell Him to “save yourself.”

Why do you think it was essential that Jesus did not save Himself in that moment?

How does this challenge the way we sometimes expect Jesus to rescue us from pain or consequences?

### 3. Two Responses to the Same King (Hurdles & Hindrances)

Both criminals saw the same Jesus on the same cross, yet responded very differently.

What do you notice about the difference between:

- “Save yourself and us”
- “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom”?

Where do you see yourself most often—trusting Jesus for who He is, or for what you want Him to do?

### 4. Who Is Really King? (Hard)

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What are some subtle ways we can follow Jesus while still resisting His kingship in our daily lives?

### 5. The Cross as a Throne (Hope)

The centrepiece of Jesus' lordship is not a palace, but a cross.

How does seeing the cross as Jesus' throne reshape:

- Your understanding of power?
- Your view of leadership?
- Your definition of greatness in the kingdom of God?

### 6. Responding Like the Centurion

The centurion witnessed Jesus' death and declared, “Surely this was the Son of God.”

What did he see that led him to that conclusion?

What might it look like for us to live this week as people who truly believe Jesus is King—even when circumstances don't change?

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