

1. Launchers: What is your best sense of how you would respond to a king?

2. Worship God: Read Psalm 96 together.

Worship the LORD, God Almighty for His holiness and worth. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for how He deserves our trust and loyalty as the only True King!

3. Sermon Reflection: Loyalty to the King

#### GOD'S KING REVEALED

- How would God have us respond to the King of His choosing?
- What does it cost you “to love someone as your own soul”?
- What are the benefits “loving others as our own soul”?

#### TORN BETWEEN MEN AND GOD

- How does sinful pride tear at our loyalty to God and His people?
- How does self-shame and self-loathing corrupt your ability to receive love from God and then give love to others?
- Do you love being you? What more does God have to do for you to love being you?

#### BONDED & EMBOLDENED IN THE LORD

- How is it a miracle of Jesus' love for us that He binds (knits) Himself to us?
- How does our oneness with God (John 17 Jesus' prayer that we would be One as He and our Father are, and we would be in them) cause people to believe that Jesus is sent by God?
- How does our discord with other believers cause non-believers to disregard faith in Jesus?

4. Kingdom Centered Prayer: YOU CAN PRAY WITH US...

1. Worship the LORD, God Almighty for His holiness and worth. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for how He deserves our trust and loyalty as the only True King!

2. *How have you lived as a poor friend or as a disloyal subject?* Confess your selfish pride to Jesus, asking Him to save you from yourself, cleansing you and transforming your heart to truly love Him in His Kingly authority.

3. Give thanks to Jesus for the wonder of His love and grace. Thank Him for leaving the wealth of His Father's love in order to give Himself for us in order to raise us up into His family to reign with Him.

4. Who do you know that has befriended you well, or who needs your love as a friend? Pray for them, giving thanks to the Father for this gift of love, and ask Him to help you to be of benefit to them as Jesus has to you.

5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear His fruit of love and goodness in your heart to transform you into a loyal friend. Pray for a heart so joyfully submissive to Jesus that others would experience His love because of you.

5. Mission: Christians are on mission to love. We are on a love offensive where hearts are “knit” together in such a way that the watching world recognizes that only God could produce such friendships. So, Community Groups are “knitting classes” where we love, are loved, and grow in love with ourselves, God, Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit, and our neighbor.

- Read 1 Corinthians 13. Asking God to skill us in love, from Him, to Him and through Him for ourselves, family, friends, and enemies.