

DISCUSSION GUIDE

More Than a Savior
The Gospel of Mark - Week 52

ICEBREAKER: What's the most significant loss you've experienced?

OVERVIEW: Because the most important event in the life of Christ is His death and resurrection, Jesus is most widely known as the Savior. The problem is that for many people Jesus is ONLY a Savior. But Jesus is much more than a Savior. In the story of the Triumphal Entry Jesus is presented as King. The point is clear: Jesus doesn't merely want to save us from our sins; He wants to rule our lives. In this discussion we will go deeper with how to let Christ reign as King over every arena of our lives.

1. **Read Mark 11:1-11.** What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Read Luke 9:57-62.
 - a. What did Jesus mean in verse 58, and why did He say this to the man?
 - b. What was Jesus' meaning in verse 60?
 - c. What did Jesus mean in verse 62?
 - d. What does this passage mean for Christians today?
3. Read Luke 14:26-27, and verse 33.
 - a. Does Jesus want us to hate our family; even ourselves? Explain.
 - b. What does it mean to say good-bye to all our possessions? Would Jesus actually ask us to give up everything for Him?

4. One reason that we struggle to submit to Christ as the king of our lives is that we are afraid we will miss out on the "good life." Do you ever feel this way? Explain.
5. Using Psalm 112, how would you counsel a fellow believer who is afraid they will miss out on the "good life" if they submit fully to Christ?
6. Another reason we struggle to fully submit to King Jesus is because we are afraid that He will not take care of us. Do you sometimes feel this way? Explain. How does Matthew 6:33 apply to that fear?
7. In your Christian life, at what point did you transition from merely believing in Jesus as Savior to submitting to Christ as King?
8. How do you need to grow in submitting to Christ as King?

The Last Word: Jesus isn't merely a Savior; He is King. He doesn't merely want to save you from your sins; He wants to be the ruler of your life.