

The questions below are intended to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the needs of their unique group.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- **Choose one of the two options below:**
- **Option 1:** Play the video, "That's My King" (3 minutes) at <https://vimeo.com/1371841>
 1. Which description of the "indescribable" King Jesus stood out to you? Why?
 2. Is it easy or hard for you to think of Jesus as a King, Ruler, and Sovereign? Why?
- **Option 2:** As a Group, list the top five characteristics you are looking for in our next President.
 1. If Jesus were walking on earth in human form today, do you think He would run for office?
 2. Is it easy or hard for you to think of Jesus as a King, Ruler, and Sovereign? Why?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- What is your one thing from Sunday? What stuck out to you about what you heard (a new idea, an application, a challenge, a question, or a new thing you learned)?
- **Read Matthew 27:11-26**
- In his message, Pastor Pat emphasized three questions about King Jesus that everyone must answer:

Question 1 (vs. 11): "Would you recognize this King?"

1. In verse 11, Pilate asks Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"
 1. Describe a time in your life when you did not acknowledge Jesus as ruler.
 2. During that time, who/what ruled your life instead of Jesus?
2. What are some habits we can form now to help us recognize Jesus as King of our lives?

Question 2 (vs. 12-14, 19, 23): "Will you acknowledge the holiness of this King?"

1. Read Luke 23:1-2 to see at least three false accusations that were leveled at Jesus.
 1. If you were one of Jesus' close followers at that time, how do you think you would have responded when you heard those accusations?
2. How do you respond when people accuse you of wrong - even if those accusations aren't true?
3. How did Jesus respond to the accusations against Him? (vs. 12-14)
 1. Why was it crucial that Jesus responded this way?

Question 3 (vs. 15-18): "Will you see this King as the One Who took your place?"

1. The Gospel writers call Barabbas an "insurrectionist," a "murderer," a "robber," and "notorious."
 1. Who are some other people that might be described in this same way today?
 2. In 1 Timothy 1:15-16, the Apostle Paul describes himself as the worst of sinners. Is Paul just exaggerating to make a point? Is he only talking about the sins he committed before he met Jesus?
 1. Would you ever describe yourself the way Paul described himself? Why or why not?
2. How can you personally respond to the implications of Jesus (the Son of the Father in Heaven) taking the place of Barabbas, who's name literally means "son of the father."

We are all like Pilate. We are all like Barabbas. So, what have you done with Jesus?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that God will give you open doors to invest in the lives of people, and opportunities to invite them to an Easter service in a few weeks.

