

Bible Study Discussion Guide

****Bible Reading:****

1. John 18:28-36
2. 1 Samuel 8:4-7
3. Philippians 3:17-20

****Observation Questions:****

1. In John 18:36, Jesus states, "My kingdom is not of this world." What does this imply about the nature of His kingdom compared to earthly kingdoms? [\[02:14\]](#)
2. According to 1 Samuel 8:4-7, why did the Israelites desire a king, and how did God interpret their request? [\[20:27\]](#)
3. Philippians 3:20 mentions that "our citizenship is in heaven." How does this concept of citizenship contrast with earthly citizenship as discussed in the sermon? [\[13:58\]](#)
4. The sermon discusses the concept of enmeshment with political affiliations. What does this term mean, and how can it affect a believer's identity? [\[25:09\]](#)

****Interpretation Questions:****

1. How does Jesus' response to Pilate in John 18:36 challenge the traditional understanding of power and authority? What implications does this have for believers today? [\[02:14\]](#)
2. Reflecting on 1 Samuel 8:4-7, what are the potential dangers of seeking security in human institutions rather than in God? How does this narrative serve as a cautionary tale for modern believers? [\[20:27\]](#)
3. In Philippians 3:20, Paul describes believers as citizens of heaven. How should this heavenly citizenship influence a believer's priorities and actions in their daily life? [\[13:58\]](#)

4. The sermon highlights the temptation to conflate political power with spiritual authority. How has this been a recurring issue throughout church history, and what lessons can be learned from past mistakes? [\[23:29\]](#)

****Application Questions:****

1. Jesus' kingdom is characterized by sacrificial love, humility, and justice. How can you embody these values in your interactions this week, especially in situations where power dynamics are at play? [\[02:14\]](#)

2. Reflect on a time when you may have placed your trust in human institutions over divine sovereignty. What steps can you take to realign your trust in God? [\[20:27\]](#)

3. Consider your political affiliations and how they might be influencing your identity. Are there areas where you feel defensive or enmeshed? How can you ensure your primary allegiance remains with Christ? [\[25:09\]](#)

4. In what ways can you be a non-anxious presence in your community, reflecting the peace and hope of the gospel amidst societal turmoil? [\[39:54\]](#)

5. How can you engage thoughtfully and critically in the political sphere while prioritizing your witness to the kingdom of God? What practical steps can you take to ensure your political engagement aligns with your faith? [\[36:15\]](#)

6. The sermon encourages believers to remember their baptism as a reminder of their allegiance to God's kingdom. How can you regularly remind yourself of your identity in Christ and the values of His kingdom? [\[42:57\]](#)

7. Identify one specific action you can take this week to bear witness to the kingdom of God in your community. How will you hold yourself accountable to this commitment? [\[47:43\]](#)