



For Further Study January 8 – 14

1. Describe the role of a King and his subjects in an earthly kingdom. How much authority does a King have over his kingdom? What is a king's responsibility to his citizens? What is their responsibility towards their ruler?
2. God warned his people about being like the nations around them and setting a king over themselves as they settled in the Promised Land. What were these warnings and how did they play out in the reign of subsequent rulers? (Deuteronomy 17:14-20; 1 Samuel 8).

What does it mean that God's people rejected him as King? (1 Sam 8:7)?

3. We cannot extend the reign of God's kingdom if another kingdom rules in our hearts. Read the following passages and note how the priorities of the Kingdom of God differ from the priorities of the world.

Scripture	Priorities of the Kingdom of God	Priorities of the Kingdom of the World
Matthew 5:43-45		
Matthew 6:25-33		
Luke 6:27-36		
Galatians 5:19-25		

4. During Sunday's service, people described attributes of God that became evident through the stories in the Bible. How would you describe God and his relationship with his creation
- a. In book of Genesis?
 - b. In time of Moses?
 - c. In the Promised Land?
 - d. During the time of the prophets?
 - e. In the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John)?

How does this form your acceptance of God as your King? How does your life reflect your allegiance to the King of the Universe? What tangible changes must you make?

5. Read Matthew 12:30. How do you respond to someone who says they try to be a "good" person but that they really don't believe that there is a supreme being that is in charge or that there is a master plan? This person believes that life is pretty random. What do you believe and why?