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Jesus Is King

from our series, *How God Wants You To Live (it's not what you think)*
(John 20:19-23, Mark 1:15)

*Warmup: Play a little word association. When I say "King," what comes to mind?
Does anyone have a story about encountering a king or a queen? Or any royalty?*

READ John 20:19-23 and Mark 1:15

- How are these scriptures connected? While the answer is not obvious, see if you can come up with several ways John 20:19-23 is a natural progression of Mark 1:15.

REFLECT

- Have someone draw the triangle with KING, AUTHORITY, and POWER at the corners. As you consider this drawing, what insights do you have about the Christian life?
- Do a quick internet search for verses about Jesus being King or His Kingdom. How do these add to our understanding of King Jesus?
- Can you think of other scriptures that reveal the nature of Jesus as King? (hint: His teaching in Matthew 5-7, His parables about the Kingdom in Matthew 13, and His ministry announcement in Luke 4:16-21)
- We heard Ty Benevides share how he lives with Jesus as his King. How about for you—what has King Jesus done in your life and how do you live with Him as your King?
- If Jesus is King, then nothing else can be. What are "imposter kings" that influence you? For example, money could be king, or insecurity, or success. Try to get specific with your answers.

RESPOND (chose one or more of these to pray about. You can split into groups of 4-5 if needed)

- What is one "imposter king" that you'd like Jesus to replace with Himself? Go around and share, asking two or three people to place hands on their shoulders and pray for each person after they share.
- Neil focused on King Jesus bringing peace, as He says in John 20:19-23. What causes you to be anxious, stressed, or overwhelmed? Share these and pray for each other.
- Who do you know who needs the peace that King Jesus brings? Pray for them and pray that you get an opportunity to tell them this week about the peace of Jesus.

"To transform religious and irreligious people into fully devoted followers of Christ."