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STUDY 15

Living in His Kingdom

Acts 2:32-33, Luke 1:32-33, 19:38-40, Hebrews 1:3, Philippians 2:10, Romans 6:7-11, Revelation 19:16, 21:4

Jesus conquered death and ascended into heaven. These are cornerstones in our Christian life and faith. He is alive, which means He is the current reigning King. An eternal King, never to be replaced! His majesty is not just within the sphere of our personal lives, it extends to the entire earth, to every single person and creature, indeed to the whole universe. All of creation!!

If you think about it, all is a lot of stuff. Sometimes though we can think of it in such a big way that we forget that He is part of the smaller all of our life as well. He is in our day-to-day life, our workplaces, our schools, our friendships our homes and our private moments. Jesus' lordship extends to the all of each of these places.

We look forward to the future and the fulfilment of Christ's complete kingdom in all its splendour and all its power, an eternal kingdom where there will be no crying or pain. A kingdom that has already begun and is amongst us now. A kingdom whose all extends to every sphere of our life and every part of creation. This kingdom evokes in us a response of praise and honour to God, accompanied by angels and all created things, in our songs and our obedience.

How exciting it is to live with Jesus as Lord. He is not only Lord of every part of our life, He is also Lord over all of creation. He is Lord of all.

CONNECTION AND ACTION *Use these questions to promote conversation and connection.*

- Q:** What does it look like for Jesus to be Lord of your Mondays, not just your Sundays?
- Q:** Discuss an area of your life where you went through the process of giving Jesus lordship. What difference did it make?
- Q:** What are some obstacles to giving Jesus lordship over certain areas of your life? How can we overcome them?
- Q:** Describe a recent revelation you've had about the majesty of God. How has that influenced your worship?
- Q:** "When He shall come with trumpet sound" What things are you looking forward to Jesus' kingdom finally eradicating. What things are you looking forward to His kingdom bringing? How does that prospect make you feel?

HIGHLIGHTS COMING UP

- The Relationship Seminar (3-7 Sept) - We've got great friends coming to share with us, Pastors Rob & Laura Koke. They have a heart for individuals and families of every kind to live out their God-given potential. Register your group at myhillsong.com/seminar
- Friday (Brisbane) & Sunday (Sydney) Night Live – During the month of August we present the Gospel in new and innovative ways! What a great opportunity to bring friends and family to Church!!

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BIBLE AND BELIEF Use these scriptures and questions to develop a Biblical worldview.

Read Colossians 2:13-15 & 2 Corinthians 2:14

Q: From these and other passages, describe different aspects of the triumph that we now have through Christ? (**Leaders tip:** e.g. forgiveness of sins, being included in the family of God, power over the enemy)

Q: How should we live our daily lives in light of Jesus triumph on the cross?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:23-28 & Paul's conclusion in 1 Corinthians 15:58

Q: What do you think God's final triumph will look like when Jesus returns, the kingdom comes and God is actively in charge of everything?

Q: How should we live now knowing that the final triumph of God is coming?

Q: What are our responsibilities as God's servants as He implements His kingdom here and now?

Q: Why is our labour in the Lord not in vain?

Read Romans 11:33-36

Q: Read this passage a few times. What is it telling us about the greatness of God our King?

Q: What ideas in this passage stand out to you? Why? How are they enlarging your view of God?

GROWING LEADERSHIP Use these questions to help people in your group grow as leaders.

Q: How does Jesus being King influence and shape your leadership? How is His Lordship reflected in how you lead?

Q: How can we help people to make Jesus Lord of their Mondays, not just their Sundays?

Q: How can we help people in our connect group or team work out the plan that God has for their life?

Q: How can we assist our ministry team members in seeing God for who He really is so that they, as result, honour and worship Him?

Check Up with leaders in your group on how they're going with:

- Starting new connect groups over the rest of the year.
- Building involvement in the Hillsong Foundation

PRAY TOGETHER

- New Connect Group Leaders
- Decisions for Jesus in our Services
- Ps Brian & Bobbie Houston

PASTORAL CARE

- We have a pastoral care team at church to walk alongside people in your group who may be going through a tough time
- Please contact the church office Sydney 02 8853 5353 or Brisbane 07 3422 8500 to let us know of anybody in your group (with their permission) who have sickness, death of a loved one, marriage challenges, surgeries.

NATION BUILDERS – Causes we are supporting through Nation Builders:

1. **Church Planting** – Supporting a new generation of dynamic leaders to plant & build churches that will serve communities, influence cities and ultimately impact nations. Including: Amsterdam, Japan, Moscow, Paris, Stockholm, Copenhagen and Hillsong Germany.
2. **Gospel Missions** – Supporting missions locally & others that are furthering the Gospel all around the world. Including: Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), Hillsong TV and overseas workers in SE Asia.

We support a number of overseas workers in projects throughout south east Asia. One example is Thailand where legends Erik and Marianna Klar have been based as missionaries since 1992. Some of their work includes:

- The River Centre which has been transformed from a Brothel into a thriving Church and community training centre.
- Church planting and community development in the unreached northern Hills tribes near the border with Burma. 100's have come to Christ through arrange of projects including water and toilet ministry!
- Reaching out into a southern city to rescue girls who are being trafficked