

BEYOND SUNDAY

God's Big Story — 3.15.2026

Part 4: King Me! — Dan Perkins

Gather

These questions help build connections with others as you share personal experiences.

1. When have you felt pressure to follow what everyone else was doing, even if you weren't sure it was the right choice?
2. Where do you most feel the temptation to be "in control" rather than trusting God?

Grow

These questions guide your group through key scriptures from Sunday's sermon, helping us see how Israel's story points to the need for a true King.

1. Read 1 Samuel 8:4-7

- What reasons do the elders of Israel give for wanting a king?
- What does God say they are really rejecting?
- Why do you think people often prefer visible, human leadership over trusting God's rule?

2. Read 1 Samuel 15:22-23

- What led to Saul's rejection as king?
- What does this passage teach about obedience versus outward success?
- Where do we sometimes substitute partial obedience for full obedience?

3. Read 1 Samuel 16:6-13

- What contrast does God make between how humans choose leaders and how He does?
- Why might "the heart" matter more to God than outward ability or appearance?
- Even though David failed greatly, why is his repentance significant?

4. Read 1 Kings 3:5-12 and 11:4-11

- What was good about Solomon's request to God?
- What ultimately caused Solomon's downfall?
- What does Solomon's story show about the limits of wisdom without devotion?

5. Read and respond to the following:

- Book of Jeremiah 29:10–13
- Book of Isaiah 9:6–7
- What hope does God give His people even after their failure and exile?
- What kind of King does Isaiah describe?
- How do these promises ultimately point to Jesus?

Give / Go

These questions help us apply the sermon's message in our lives.

1. Where in your life are you tempted to build your own "kingdom" instead of trusting God's rule?
2. What is one faithful step you can take this week to surrender more fully to Jesus as King?
Examples might include:
 - Surrendering control of a specific worry or situation in prayer
 - Practicing obedience in an area where you've been resisting God
 - Serving someone in a way that reflects the servant leadership of Jesus

Prayer

Group Prayer Question:

How can we pray for one another this week as we seek to trust Jesus more fully as King in our lives?

Going Deeper

If you're interested in exploring this week's themes further, consider one of these resources:

- **Video:**
 - Bible Project Videos on Israel's Kings:
 - 1 Samuel <https://bibleproject.com/videos/1-samuel/>
 - 2 Samuel <https://bibleproject.com/videos/2-samuel/>
 - 1&2 Kings <https://bibleproject.com/videos/kings/>
- **Article:**
 - There is One True King by Timothy Keller
 - <https://gospelinlife.com/article/there-is-one-true-king/>
- **Book:**
 - God's Big Picture by Vaughan Roberts. <https://a.co/d/067sLAnE> (focused on chapters 3-5).