

Sermon Discussion Guide:

# The Promise of a Kingdom

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Scripture: **Luke 1:26–33**

Series: **The Promise of Advent**

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## OVERVIEW

We, as Americans, tend to have an aversion to the idea of a king. Moreover, due to our heritage of individualism, we prefer to live our life the way we want to live it, and don't want to be told what to do. Also, many Christians place overdue emphasis—and misplaced confidence—on cultural change through mostly political means. This can be a blind spot for many Christians due to an undefined or vague theological foundation in favor of a more overtly political one. As believers, our primary citizenship is in the kingdom of God. Therefore, our primary concern should be the hearts and minds of people to be transformed by the gospel. God's kingdom is a spiritual kingdom, not an earthly one. Thankfully, **the promise of a king means an end of our enemies.**

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## CORROBORATING TEXTS

2 Samuel 7:8–16; Jeremiah 23:5–6; John 16:33; Luke 22:24–26; Matthew 5:1–12

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In what ways have you observed Christians having a worldly mindset into God's kingdom? Have you ever cultivated this mindset yourself? How should we counter this mindset?
2. In Luke 1:32, why is Jesus called “the Son of the Most High”? *[it points to Jesus' equality with Yahweh; it denotes Jesus' divinity and royalty]*
3. In Luke 1:32, why did the angel tell Mary that God will give Jesus “the throne of his father David”? *[it would have reminded Mary of the promise of Yahweh to David (2 Sam. 7:12-16); it denotes that Jesus will fulfill the Davidic covenant]*
4. Pastor Jimmy emphasized: 1) our need for a king, 2) how we are served by a king, and 3) how we are ruled by a king. Using these 3 categories, what are ways that Jesus is different from earthly leaders or kings, including kings shown in Scripture? In what ways is Jesus' kingdom countercultural?
5. According to Scripture, all the world is subject to Jesus' authority. Yet for believers, Jesus pardons us, rescues us, and protects us with the seal of the Holy Spirit. How is the conviction of the Holy Spirit our protection?
6. Jesus should reign on the throne of our life. What are some ways that you seek to move Jesus off the throne and place yourself there? Why do you think that is?
7. Part of sanctification is being under the rule of our king. Are you trusting that God's ways are good? (1 John 5:3). Or are you lacking faith in God's ways? Why might this be?