



He's King and He's Good | Doug Wekenman | 11.10.2024  
Weekly Study

## SHARE

As group members get settled, take a few minutes to check in with everyone and see how life is going. Share an exciting story from this week, your highs and lows, an answered prayer, or something you're struggling with. If someone is really struggling, rally the group around them and take a few moments to pray over them.

**How was your week?! Share a praise and a prayer.**

**What are some things you feel like you have taken for granted in your life because of your proximity to it?**

**Who are some of the people who would be in the credits of your story?**

## GROW

Welcome to our first week of our "Kingdom Builders" series where we are inviting you to ask God, "based on all the ways you bless me, how can I build your kingdom, not mine." As a group leader we want to help our group answer two simple questions, "what is a kingdom builder" and what do we mean when we say "kingdom?"

Jesus says "kingdom" 126 times in the gospels. His kingdom is breaking into our reality through his presence. He has invited us to be an embodiment of this kingdom because he has given us his presence. Luke 17:21 says his kingdom is within you. But God's kingdom is not like any other kingdom in this world. It is not a kingdom of political power and market control, but of selfless love and generosity. When you start to live with this in mind it changes everything about you. You realize that everything you have belongs to God, which inspires you towards generous action.

**Read Matthew 4:16-17 NIV, Hebrews 12:28, Ecclesiastes 5:10, Matthew 6:24**

**Is there something from Doug's message that spoke to you?**

**What are some of the tensions you experience when you live as a citizen of this country, yet have been called to be a part of God's Kingdom? Especially with your finances.**

**How does it make you feel when asked to give financially? Why do you feel this way?**

**In what ways can you allow yourself to crown Jesus King, with your money, and allow your finances to serve God rather than hoping God serves your finances and trust that he is good?**

**M O V E**

As a group leader it is important to lead your group to see that God wants their hearts more than their money, and that by surrendering with generosity we are actually able to trust God with our whole hearts instead of trusting ourselves and our possessions. This is not easy because it has been so ingrained within us that we deserve what we have worked hard for.

Helping group members gain a deeper perspective of God's grace is key to this conversation. Until our group members recognize that everything is a gift of God's grace, we will tend to live with closed fists rather than open hands and hearts. However, when we are generous with our time, treasure, and possessions, we open ourselves to receive more of God's presence, which is the greatest gift of all.

**Read Matthew 6:21, 33; Philippians 2:6-11**

**Where your treasure is, that's where your heart will be. The question is, what has your heart right now?**

**God math doesn't always make sense. Do you feel like you need to give something up in your life that is good, in order to open yourself to receive more of him?**

**Develop a plan for your week with different ways you can generously give of your time, talent, and treasure. Challenge yourself each day to bless those around you.**

**Any final thoughts from the message this week?**

P R A Y

Pray this prayer over the course of the next week and keep asking God this question about your life...

Based on all the ways you have blessed me, how are you inviting me to build your kingdom, not mine.

Close with prayer.