



Many of us resist the idea of someone else ruling over our lives. This resistance often stems from a desire to be the king of our own "kingdom," where we make the rules and call the shots. Recognizing this struggle is the first step towards genuine submission to Christ and allowing Jesus to reign in our hearts.

Discussion Questions

1. Reflect on a time when you resisted authority in your life. What was the outcome?
2. **Read Matthew 2:1-3, 7-8, 13-16, 22-23**
3. What does King Herod's reaction to Jesus' birth reveal about human nature and our resistance to authority?
4. Consider your experiences with earthly authority figures. How do these experiences affect your trust in Jesus as King?
5. How can understanding Jesus as a different kind of King help us overcome our distrust in his authority?
6. **Read Matthew 6:9-13**
7. In what ways does the Lord's Prayer help us align our hearts with God's sovereignty, will, and trust in His provision?
8. Where, in your life, are you most resistant to surrendering to and trusting in Jesus as your king? Is it honoring your king with your: Time? Money? Influence? Relationships? Eyes? Ears? Words?
9. How can we support each other in the journey of trust and surrender?
10. **Close in prayer.**