

THE LAST KINGDOM

PART 1: LOST IN TRANSLATION

Over the centuries, the word Christ has lost its meaning. What the authors of the New Testament originally penned had much greater implications. The first century church didn't miss it, and Jesus's enemies certainly didn't miss it.

CONNECT

If you lived in a medieval kingdom, what do you think your occupation would be?

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You will watch a shortened version of a message from this series to set up your group discussion. Watch the full message sometime this week to further explore what you talked about today.

APPLY

After the video, discuss the following questions as a group:

1. Why do you think many people read the beginning of Luke as a seasonal story rather than the inauguration of Jesus's kingdom?
2. Luke emphasizes that we're invited not just to believe in the kingdom, but to participate in it. What does that participation look like in real life at home, school, work, or relationships?
3. How does framing Jesus's death and resurrection as a political clash of kingdoms versus a ticket to heaven land with you?
4. What are the implications for you personally and for the church corporately if King and kingdom become the primary story once again?

BEFORE NEXT TIME

Reread **Luke 1:26–33** through the lens of seeing Jesus as a king. What stands out now?

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PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending not just a Savior, but a King. Give us eyes to see your kingdom at work around us and courage to reflect it in our daily lives. Re-center our hearts, our priorities, and our decisions around the leadership of Jesus. Teach us to live as citizens of your kingdom today. Amen.