



Worship Guide for *September 23, 2018*

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Sermon Notes

The King's Authority Over Disasters, Demons, and Sin

Matthew 8:23 – 9:8 (pew Bible pgs. 813-814)

History is full of the accounts of one king after another. Some we know about, many we don't. A quick internet search will result in several "Top 10" lists of "The Most Famous Kings in History". These monarchs are known for their political prowess, or their military might, or their lavish lifestyles, or their long reign.

Not surprisingly, you will not find Jesus on these lists. The world did not recognize Him as a king when he lived on earth among us, and the world's view has changed very little since then.

Yet the Bible shows us that Jesus is King. This is the primary focus of Matthew's gospel. Chapters five through seven of Matthew recorded the amazing words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. When He concluded the Sermon, the crowds were amazed at the authority in Jesus' words (Matt 7:28-29). Immediately after that, in chapters eight and nine, Matthew records for us a number of accounts of Jesus' miracles. Just as the people were astonished at the power and authority in Jesus' words, now we see them amazed at the power and authority in Jesus' works. In today's text, we see His kingly power over our fallen physical world, our demonic foes, and over our greatest enemy – sin.

Jesus is King - He has absolute authority and power over disaster (Matt. 8:23-27)

Jesus is King – He has absolute authority and power over demons (Matt. 8:28-34)

Jesus is King - He has absolute authority and power over sin (Matt. 9: 1-8)

Applications for our lives today:

Life Group Guide

Sunday

In your journal, reflect on today's sermon by answering the following:

I never knew:

I was challenged:

I was reminded:

I was convicted:

A question I still have:

A truth I could share:

Know

Monday

Spend some time today doing the following:

Read the sermon passage again.

Select a portion of this week's sermon passage to memorize this week.

Write your selected portion and read it to yourself at least 10 times throughout the day.

Know > Be

Tuesday

In your journal, spend some time writing about the following:

Read the sermon passage again.

Write a prayer of response, guided by the passage.

(May include adoration, confession/repentance, thanksgiving, petition, etc...)

Write your selected portion of the Scripture several times to aid in memorization.

Be

Wednesday

Think about this week's questions for group discussion:

In reflecting on the 3 areas of authority presented in Sunday's message, write a response statement for each using this sentence: "Because Jesus has absolute authority & power over _____, I should..." Be prepared to share those with your group when you meet.

How should those watching our lives come to learn of the absolute authority & power of Jesus? In what ways might you be distorting that message?

What about all or any of these 3 very well known stories continues to captivate you concerning the person of Jesus? How do the reactions of others in the stories instruct us in how we ought to respond?

Be > Do

Thursday

In your journal, spend some time considering the following:

What insights have you had while internalizing this week's passage?

How specifically will you seek to apply its truths in your home/workplace/life in general?

Do

*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's passage & message.

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Upcoming Events

September 23 - Community Fun Day

September 24 - Truth or College

September 27 - Senior Money Matters (NRBC)

September 28 - Person @ E. Alamance

October 5 & 6 - Mom 2 Mom Fall Sale

October 6 - Men's Breakfast