



- The King You Have Chosen -

Ice-Breaker:

- **Can you think of a time when you had really high expectations for something—like a movie, trip, or event—and it didn't go the way you imagined? What happened?"**

Discussion Questions:

Read John 12:12-18 and Matthew 21:9

1. What emotions do you imagine were present as Jesus entered Jerusalem? Why do you think the crowd reacted that way?
2. What does their use of "Hosanna" and the palm branches say about their expectations of a king?
3. In what ways do we sometimes treat Jesus as a king who serves our plans rather than one we follow?

Read 1 Samuel 8:5-18

4. What did Israel want when they asked for a king?
5. How does God respond to their request, and what does this reveal about the human heart?
6. What parallels do you see between Israel's desire for a king and the things we sometimes place above God in our lives?

What King Have You Chosen?

7. Which of these "false kings" do you find yourself most tempted to follow—and/or is there another one not listed here that competes for your heart?
 - **The King of Success**
 - **The King of Approval**
 - **The King of Control**
 - **The King of Pleasure**
 - **No king but yourself**
8. How do these kings promise life but lead to slavery—like Samuel warned?
9. What does it look like practically to choose Jesus as King instead?

Application:

- Where in your life have you been sitting on the throne?
- What would it look like this week to surrender that area to Jesus?