

**Sermon Discussion Guide**  
**Sunday, September 27, 2020**  
**“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is Near”**

One of the major themes in the Gospel of Matthew is the Kingdom of God. Matthew is presenting the coming of the King, to a Jewish audience that had been waiting for their Messiah king to arrive. Matthew is proclaiming Jesus to be that messiah King.

1. Why would we go back to Genesis when we are talking about kingship?
2. What evidence do we have that Adam was a king?
3. How do the actions of Adam affect the exercise of authority on the earth? Who takes up authority when Adam has lost it?
4. How does that affect humanity?
5. Why is the arrival of Jesus so hopeful for those who were under the oppression of the kingdom of darkness?
6. Jesus was a very different king than what the Jewish people expected. How so?
7. Where is Jesus' kingdom? Is it up in heaven?
8. The Kingdom of God is a spiritual kingdom. What does that mean? How is that different than a material or physical kingdom?
9. How do we enter the Kingdom of God? Do we have to wait until we die to enter?
10. It was necessary for Jesus to come as a Redeemer King. Why was it necessary and what were the two things Jesus had to do to redeem us?
11. How does the idea of Jesus as King relate to the concept of Jesus as Lord?
12. If he is Lord, to what degree does Jesus have authority over our lives?
13. How does that relate to the call to make disciples? Is disciple-making just another option that we can choose to engage in?
14. Why do you think that complacency is a significant issue in the Church in our time?
15. What does it mean to repent of complacency?