The King's Road: The Revelation of the King

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Small Group Discussion Guide

The King's Road: Going Public

Text: Matthew 3:16–4:22 **Discussion Questions**

1. Jesus' Baptism - Heaven's Endorsement (Matthew 3:16-17)

- What stands out to you about how the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are all present at Jesus' baptism?
- Why was it important for God the Father to publicly affirm Jesus before He began His ministry?
- How does this passage help you understand your own identity and calling as a follower of Christ?

2. Jesus' Temptation - Victory in the Wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11)

- What strikes you most about the fact that the Spirit *led* Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted?
- How do the three temptations (lust of the flesh, pride of life, and lust of the eyes) still appear in our lives today?
- Jesus responded to every temptation with Scripture. How does that shape the way we should face spiritual battles?
- Share a time when God used a season of testing to strengthen your faith or reveal something about your dependence on Him.

3. Jesus' Ministry - Light, Message, and Call (Matthew 4:12-22)

- What does it mean that Jesus fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy by bringing light to those in darkness?
- How would you summarize Jesus' message: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"? What does repentance look like in everyday life?
- Why do you think Jesus began His ministry by calling disciples rather than working alone?
- The first disciples "immediately" left their nets and followed Him. What are some "nets" people today might need to leave behind to follow Jesus fully?

Application

- How can recognizing the patterns of temptation (flesh, eyes, pride) help you resist the enemy this week?
- What step of obedience or surrender might God be calling you to take in response to this passage?
- Who is one person in your life who needs to hear the message of repentance and invitation to follow Jesus?

Prayer Focus

Thank God for sending Jesus, our victorious and obedient King. Pray for strength to resist temptation, courage to follow Christ publicly, and boldness to invite others to walk the King's road of faith with you.