

Questions for Conversations

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In this week's message, Rob repeated the point from last week that Acts 12 seems to be about a clash of kingdoms.

How have you experienced this clash of kingdoms? Where and in what way have you experienced the cosmic struggle between God and those who oppose him?

Have you ever had an experience where you had a "nudge" to do something or to stop doing something and ignored it only to later pay a price (of some kind) for it?

It could be as simple as thinking "I should slow down, I'm driving over the speed limit," right before you see the police officer on the side of the road, or it could be something more substantial, like sending a card to someone who came to mind – only to find out later they needed the encouragement. Briefly share the story.

If you have good group cohesion and safety share this one out loud, if not there yet, people can contemplate this one:

On a scale of 1-10 (with 10 being "probably too much"), how much do you care/focus on/obsess about what people think about you?

Come back to sharing out loud:

Do you agree with Rob's point that when we allow what people think of us to influence what our behavior morally and spiritually, we are at a minimum creating obstacles to God's kingdom and perhaps even building and protecting our own kingdom?

How can you celebrate the king who has come?

Share and prayer