

This semester, we're embarking on a journey—one that leads us to become more like Jesus for the sake of others. Along the way, we'll confront some of life's biggest questions, including those about identity, purpose, and belonging, starting with the most important one: **Who is God?**

A.W. Tozer once said, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." Many of our students struggle with understanding who they are because they haven't fully grasped the answer to this first and vital question. Our journey must begin here, because when we see God for who He truly is, we gain clarity on everything and everyone else. As Scripture says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

The goal of this series is to explore the fundamentals of God's character and nature and to help our students learn how to practically make space for Him in their daily lives.

Week three will focus on what it means for God to be our King. He is a good and just ruler, and He desires for everyone to be part of His eternal Kingdom—a Kingdom that is coming on earth as it is in heaven.

We'll dive into **1 Samuel 8**, where the people of Israel rejected God as their King because they wanted to be like the nations around them. We'll see how often we make the same mistake, choosing control over surrendering to God's kingship. This week's challenge will be for students to let go of control and invite God to reign as King over every area of their lives.