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*Digging Deeper* this week...

**BiG iDEa:** Jesus comes to be my King. I come to bring Him me.

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What's in a name? Set aside some *time* throughout this week to read and reflect on who Jesus is and how His character and presence affects your present and eternity. Some questions are provided for you or a small group of friends to provide focus for your reflection. Before your start: Breathe, pray, ask the Holy Spirit for help.

### **Identify**

We all serve somebody. Who are some the people in your life you are called on to serve? How does this make you feel?

### **Read**

*Scriptures to grow by...* Isaiah 9:1-7; Acts 2:29-33; Matthew 2:1-12; Mark 10:45; John 13:12-17; Luke 22:24-30; Proverbs 6:16-19, 3:5-6.

### **Reflect**

1. What words, phrases or ideas stand out to you from the Bible readings you read today? What thoughts, ideas or questions come up for you when you learn that Jesus is the kind of king who comes to serve His enemies, not destroy them?
2. How do these words, phrases or ideas connect with your everyday life? What do they lead you to think or to do?
3. On Sunday, Doug said that "every day we live we have choice: 1) live like Herod pursuing our own self-interests with pride and control and self-indulgence; or 2) live a life of self-less love with reckless abandon to Jesus--the King of Kings." How do you respond to this personally? What choices do you make most often? What might you want to say to Jesus about this? What might He want to say to you?

### **Respond** (*Soul-Work*)

*Moving forward...* Take some time this week to think about the last year. What opportunities did you pursue to serve somebody without any benefit to yourself? What opportunities might you want to pursue in 2019? Consider writing down some of your thoughts so that you can refer to them often throughout the year. Then, lay your "list" before Jesus and ask Him if there is anything He would like to add or subtract from your list.