## The King's Way – Study 4 Matthew 17:1-27 – The Servant King

1. Think about some of the most spectacular sights you have ever witnessed. Share one or two of these with your group, along with why they were so spectacular.

Read Matthew 17:1-13.

2. In what ways is this episode a foretaste of what Jesus promised in 16:28?

3. What is good about Peter's reaction? What is insufficient about his reaction? 4. In what ways does the voice from the cloud provide clarity on the question of Jesus' identity? 5. Given what we have discovered about Jesus' identity, what strikes you about: Jesus' treatment of the disciples (vv. 6-8)? i) ii) Jesus' words regarding what will happen to him (vv. 11-13)?

## Read Matthew 17:14-23.

6. What does this episode teach us about the faithlessness of Israel (as represented by the disciples)?

7. In what ways can we sometimes be like them?

8. How does Matthew present Jesus as a contrast to the faithlessness of others?

## Read Matthew 17:24-27.

9. What do we discover about Jesus from this interaction regarding the temple tax?

10. What particularly stands out to you about Jesus from today's section of Matthew's Gospel?

11. In what ways has today's section of Matthew's Gospel confirmed, clarified, or challenged your understanding of what it means to trust and follow Jesus?