#### *Jesus The King:* Understanding The Life & Death Of The Son Of God

#### **Discussion Guide**

# Chapter 10: The Mountain

Read Mark 9:2-8.

1. In the timeline of Jesus's life why do you think this story happens now? (p.121)

2. There is a story in Exodus about Moses getting close to God, and after the encounter his face shone (Exodus 34:29). What is different about Jesus's glory in the Transfiguration? (p.123)

3. Something else is different in this story that Keller points out, which refers back to Exodus 33:20 where God says, *"Man shall not see me and live."* What is it? What do we learn because of this, according to Keller? (p.123-125)

4. *"James, Peter, and John have experienced worship,"* says TK. How does he describe the essence of worship on page 125? Does this add anything to your understanding or experience of worship?

5. When we have a mountaintop experience with God, we still eventually have to come back down to a world that's filled with difficulties and evil. How do we experience the presence of God in such a world as this? Read pages 131-132, then discuss.

### Chapter 11: The Trap

1. At the beginning of the chapter, Keller points out that Christianity is the one religion where its center is always moving. Why is this significant according to Keller? (p.134-136)

Read Mark 10:17-27.

2. How are Jesus's sayings like "hard candy" as opposed to chocolate? (p.137)

3. Keller says of Jesus's response to the wealthy man that he is not endorsing simplistic views of money that many held back then (and today), that wealth is automatically exploitive on one hand or a sign of virtue on the other. What's Jesus saying then to the man, and to us? (p.140).

4. Skim pages 141 to the top of 145. In your own words, what is "the trap" which Keller is warning us of?

5. What is your attitude toward money? Keller asks on page 148. How do you know that money isn't just money to you?

## Chapter 12: The Ransom

Read Mark 10:32-34.

1. Understanding why Jesus had to die for us on the cross is a difficult hurdle for many to take. It's also difficult for many of us to explain to unbelievers in a satisfactory way. This is what Keller attempts to address in the first part of this chapter. Carefully look over pages 154-158, then summarize and discuss Keller's main arguments.

Read Mark 10:35-45.

2. What in the world do you think is James's and John's motive here in asking Jesus this?

3. Jesus says to them, "You don't know what you are asking." Rather than judge the two disciples for their foolishness, Keller says we should examine our own hearts. Why? (p.161).

4. The cross of Christ gives us one of the greatest incentives that exists to get off the "hedonic treadmill" and learn to serve others. Jot down some of Keller's key points from pages 163-166.