

## **The Homecoming King**

### **Ready:**

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### **Set**

I went to three high schools in four years, so you'd think I'd enjoy three homecomings. Truth is, having gone to so many schools, I never really got to know anyone all that well, and now—years later—I really don't feel like I have a high school to come home to.

Homecoming and Halloween often coincide. My favorite costumed-kiddos are the aliens. Whether it's Roswell-green or tin-canned space beings... they all remind me that—as a follower of Jesus—that's what I am: an alien... this isn't my home. Christians are here for a season... learning to love and calling out to other aliens to get ready for the home-coming.

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Everyone can identify with feeling like they don't belong. I've never met a high school athlete who didn't occasionally feel like they didn't belong... no matter how strong, how beautiful, or how popular. Perhaps none feel more often out of place than students who are trying to faithfully follow Jesus... yearning for another home, yet so accustomed to living here.

As a Christian, my greatest struggle isn't when I don't fit in with a sinful world, but when I do... when my life blends in so well, when my mouth and actions sound and look just like those who don't love and live for Jesus.

Hallelujah for our homecoming king: King Jesus!

Not only did the Son of God suffer and die to salvage us from the wrecking yard of our sin, but He gives us His Spirit to transform and ready us for homecoming. He's the King that gets my vote! What about yours?

### **Go**

1. What makes living out your "alien-life" on campus difficult?
2. Have you ever felt like you didn't fit in? Why?
3. What identifies aliens as being Christ's? How are they different?
4. Do you believe Jesus' Spirit dwells in you? Why? or Why not?

### **Workout**

Matthew 7:16-20

## Overtime

Spend time in prayer for one another, confess any shame, and ask God for more of His Spirit to grow your dependence on, love for, and confidence in Jesus, the home-coming King!



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