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The Word
of God

MIDWEEK GUIDE

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Session 1: Lord of Lords and King of Kings

1. Why were names important in biblical times? What do the names Jesus is called in Scripture reveal about Him?

2. Since we have never had a king in the United States, describe what you think it might be like to be ruled by a king or lord. Does it change your perception if you are able to choose your king?

3. How is Jesus different from other lords and kings?

4. Why were the names “Lord of lords” and “King of kings” significant to the Jewish people of Jesus’ time?

5. How do Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection give meaning to the title, "Lord of lords and King of kings"?

6. What does it entail to proclaim Jesus as Lord and King? In what ways do you live out this profession in your everyday life?

7. If Jesus is king of your life, what implication does that have for your interactions with those around you?

Bible References

Revelation 19:16

Romans 14:9

Luke 17:21

Revelation 17:14

Philippians 2:9-11

Colossians 1:15-18

Matthew 28:18

Session 2: King, Prophet, Priest

1. What is meant by the "three-fold ministry" of Jesus Christ? What is the function of each ministry?

2. In the Old Testament, the function of a priest was to mediate reconciliation between mankind and God. How did the Old Testament priests do this? How does Jesus Christ do this?

3. Read Hebrews 7:26-27 together. Why is Jesus considered the *great* High Priest?

4. Why did the high priests in the Old Testament have to bring a blood sacrifice in the Day of the Atonement? Why is it that after Jesus' sacrifice, no other sacrifice is necessary?

5. Has someone ever interceded for you? What was your reaction to them? Going forward, how will knowing that Jesus intercedes for you make an impact on your relationship with Him and those around you?

6. What is our response to our freedom from the bondage of sin that we have received through Christ's sacrifice?

Bible References

Genesis 14:18

Hebrews 9:7

Hebrews 7:26-27

Leviticus 9

Hebrews 4:15

Hebrews 8:1

Session 3: Alpha and Omega

1. Why are each of Jesus' names significant?

2. What does the phrase "alpha and omega" mean?

3. In Isaiah, God refers to Himself as the First and the Last (a.k.a. the Alpha and the Omega). Later, in Revelation, Jesus refers to Himself by the same name. What does this tell us about Jesus?

4. What does it mean that Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega? How can this title offer you comfort?

5. *God in Christ comprises everything, **all that goes between the Alpha and Omega.*** Take a few moments to talk about all that God has done and is doing between the beginning and the end

6. Have you ever gone through a difficult circumstance in which you found comfort knowing that Jesus was with you? How can you help others reinforce their trust in Him by recognizing that the First and the Last is in control?

7. How does realizing that God is sovereign over time affect the way you view life?

Bible References

Isaiah 44:6

Revelation 21:6-7

Revelation 1:8-11, 17-18

Revelation 22:12-14

Session 4: The Word of God

1. Why is Jesus described as the Word of God?

2. Can the concept, “word of God,” from the Old Testament relate to Jesus Christ as *being* the Word of God? How?

3. The first portion of John 1 provides us with foundational truths about Jesus. What do each of the following points mean to you?

a. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

b. All things were made through Him...

c. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

d. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory...

4. Sometimes we hear Scripture referred to as “the Word of God,” and we’ve heard today that Jesus is also given that name. Is there a significance in this? Why?

5. How can you encounter the Word, Jesus, when reading Scripture? How can reading Scripture deepen your relationship with Christ?

6. What does Jesus teach us about the God, the Father?

7. What is a new understanding of Jesus that you have gained throughout our sessions this month?

Bible References

John 1:1-4, 14, 18

Psalm 107:20

John 12:49

Psalm 33:6

1 John 5:7

1 John 4:9

Genesis 15:1

Revelation 19:11, 13-16

1 John 1:1-4

Small Group Theme for June: The Holy Spirit