

This midweek study will explore the biblical doctrine of Christ as King. Use the following main points, Scriptures, teaching/discussion ideas, and questions to help students gain a better understanding of the essential doctrine for this session.

Essential Doctrine: Christ as King

God has always been King over His kingdom from eternity past, whether in heaven or on earth. Yet some of His creatures in both realms have rebelled against Him, leaving destruction in their wake. To restore His broken world, God promised a king who would deliver His people and restore all of creation. The promise of a coming king finds its fulfillment in Jesus Christ, and looks forward to its perfection when Jesus returns for His bride, the church.

1 The Lord God is king over all creation.

(Ps. 24:9-10; Isa. 6:1-5)

- ▶ Have you ever experienced the loss of a great leader? How do people react when they lose a great leader?

For example, discuss how the assassinations of Lincoln and Kennedy affected the United States of America.

- ▶ Why is it so devastating to lose a great leader?

Read Psalm 24:9-10.

- ▶ According to this text, who is the King of Glory? What significance do you make of the fact that God is entitled the King of Glory?

Read Isaiah 6:1-5.

- ▶ What is the significance of the gates opening for the King? What is the King coming from?

Probably conquest and military triumph.

- ▶ What is the significance of the doors being ancient?

It shows the extent of the King's might to be over even ancient doors.

2 Jesus is lion-like, lamb-like king over both natural and supernatural. (Mark 1:24; 4:39-41; Rev. 5:5-6)

- ▶ What is a king typically like in his attitude? What would your attitude be like if you were a king?
- ▶ How does a king typically show his power? If you were a king, how would you show your power?

Read Mark 4:39-41.

- ▶ In this text, how did Jesus show his power? In this text, how did Jesus show His concern for His people? If you're experiencing a "storm" in your own life, how can you know your King is for you, even if it seems He is asleep?

Read Mark 1:24.

- ▶ How did Jesus show His power in this passage? How did the demon's power compare to Jesus' power?

Read Revelation 5:5-6.

- ▶ How is Jesus' power lamb-like? How is His power lion-like?
- ▶ What "reward" does Jesus get for His lamb-like sacrifice and lion-like authority?

The scroll and the ability to open it, showing His unique power.

3 Jesus is the last Adam who will reign over the earth in God's name with His bride as His co-regent.

(Gen. 1:28; 2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 3:21)

Read Genesis 1:28.

- ▶ In what sense was Adam a king? What kind of king was Adam supposed to be?

Read 2 Timothy 2:12 and Revelation 3:21.

- ▶ Think back to Jesus as a lamb-like King. In what sense was He lamb-like?
- ▶ If we endure suffering, like our lamb-like King did, what is promised to us?
- ▶ We saw earlier that Eve, the bride of Adam, was to rule with him. Who is Jesus' bride, the one who will rule alongside Him?
- ▶ How does this knowledge that we will rule with Jesus affect our lives today?

WRAP IT UP

- ▶ In what ways is it freeing to bow our knees to God and His appointed King, Jesus?
- ▶ How does the knowledge of God's present kingship and of our future kingship empower us to sacrifice for others?