



WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Christ the King **Revelation 1:4-8**

EXPLORING THE SERMON

- What did you hear?
- What did you think or feel about what you heard?
- What is one thing you can take away from the sermon this week?

VERSES FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

"...and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father..." Revelation 1:5-6

Sunday, November 26, is Christ the King Sunday, the final Sunday of the Christian liturgical year. This is the day that we, as Christians, all across the world, make the absolute claim that Jesus Christ is Lord, King, and Messiah.

Our text comes from the book of Revelation, which John wrote while exiled on the island of Patmos. John writes what Christ reveals to him, so that Christians will be comforted and offered hope, with the assurance that in the end Christ reigns victorious over all.

John knew first hand of the abuse of power by a monarchy, having refused to acknowledge the self-proclaimed sovereignty of the emperor Domitian. Revelation 1:9 tells us that John was on Patmos *"for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ."* The nature of the king we proclaim, Jesus Christ, is different from that of a typical monarchy. The signs of our king are sacrifice, service, and love of others, unlike a typical ego-centered, power wielding monarchy.

- *John knew the danger of proclaiming a king. How is being aware of the characteristics of our king, Jesus, important for us to be able to name and claim in this broken world?*
- *In claiming Christ as Lord, today and every day, we declare that He enters us in the midst of our pain, loneliness, and suffering. Just as He suffered and overcame the world, how can our faith be built on the confidence that we can overcome the world's troubles as well?*
- *How can we allow God to transform pain and loss in our lives so they do not have the final say?*

*Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for your sacrifice, service, and love. Fill us with your joy, and the hope that we can overcome the world's pain, just as You have. We declare You Messiah, today and every day. **Amen.***