



Small Group Study Guide for November 20, 2022

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

Theme: Long live the King! The last Sunday of the church year concludes with worshipping King Jesus, who rules and reigns over all creation and for all eternity. The Holy Spirit has transferred us from the dominion of darkness into the Kingdom of the Son, whom He loves. We build His Kingdom here until His return.

Getting Started: (sharing with each other)

1. Did you watch or pay attention to anything having to do with the death and funeral of Queen Elizabeth II?
2. Why might it be difficult for us today, as American Christians, to grasp the concept of a King and a Kingdom? How can we relate to this concept better?

In the Word: Read Colossians 1:13-20

3. Verse 13 and 14 go together. How exactly has God transferred us from the kingdom of Darkness to the Kingdom of the Son?
4. Verses 15-20 is often viewed as a hymn or poem of the supremacy of Christ. Individually count how many times you see the word “all” and “every” in these verses and compare. See if you come up with the same number.
5. How is Jesus “the image of the invisible God”? Discuss how Jesus makes visible the invisible qualities of God, and what that says about Jesus’ divine nature.
6. Jesus supremacy is proclaimed first over all creation (16-17) and then over the church (18). How do you think Jesus “holds all things together” in creation?

7. Why is it so important to emphasize that Jesus is the head of the church, and that the church is His body in the world?

8. How do verse 14 and verse 20 connect?

Putting it all Together (what we should believe or do as disciples)

9. What does it mean for you that God has transferred YOU from the dominion of darkness into the Kingdom of the Son?

10. How does the Gospel reading from Luke 23 (where Jesus is crucified with the sign above Him reading “The King of the Jews” and the thief on the cross asking remember him in His kingdom) relate to this Christ the King emphasis? How does Jesus display His kingship to the world, and what does that mean for us as His disciples?

11. How do we keep Jesus “first” and supreme during the upcoming holiday season (Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, New Year).

12. What comfort do you find in knowing that Jesus is the supreme King and still in charge of all things, in creation and in the church?

Take prayer requests from your group.

Prayer: Thank God for bringing us into His everlasting Kingdom, and ask that we would build up the Kingdom through our lives and our church. Pray that Jesus would be supreme and rule in our hearts and minds through the upcoming holiday season (Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, New Year).

Note: THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP 7:00 PM – Thanksgiving Devotion cards available

Next Week: A new church year begins with the first Sunday of Advent! Our sermon series, “Advent Conspiracy” will look at the counter-culture celebration of Christians in contrast to the world. **Devotion books for Advent** are available for church and will be emailed daily. Do you need an **Advent Wreath**? Check with the church office or search online.