



## Sermon Discussion Guide – April 7, 2019

SERIES – JESUS WHO? *The Roles Of Jesus*

TITLE - “*Jesus The King Of Kings*”

Luke 1:26-33

**SUMMARY** - There is a lot of mystery over the person of Jesus. A great understanding of who Jesus is comes from the roles he fulfilled and John Calvin’s exposition of the threefold office of Christ as Prophet, Priest, and King, will help guide our series for this month. This week we explore the role of KING. A good king will have the right character to exercise his authority and power in a perfect way. Jesus is King of Kings because of his godly character and how he rules over his dominion.

### DAILY STUDY & PRAYER

### Read / Reflect / Respond

(READ the verse, take a moment to REFLECT on its meaning, RESPOND by writing down some thoughts and praying)

**Monday - Luke 1:31–33** “*And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus... And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David...and of his kingdom there will be no end.*”

**Tuesday - Revelation 19:16** “*On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.*”

**Wednesday - Isaiah 42:1–2** “*Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.*”

**Thursday - Romans 8:15–17** “*you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ*”

**Friday - John 18:37** *Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”*

**Saturday - James 4:7** “*Submit yourselves therefore to God.*”

### GROUP DISCUSSION

(This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss or supplement with your own materials)

Open with Prayer

1. What is something you remember from the sermon that stood out to you or never heard before?
2. Why is it important for Jesus to be of the bloodline of David?
3. In our current age there are three Absolute Monarchies (Brunei Darussalam, Kingdom of Eswatini, Sultanate of Oman) and two Absolute Theocracies (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, The Holy See or Vatican). Absolute Monarchies have a king with absolute authority not restricted by laws. Absolute Theocracies claim absolute authority from God. Not a lot of modern day success stories for Kings. Why is it still important for us to see Jesus as a King?
4. Why is it necessary to submit to Jesus’ authority and why is it so difficult to do so?

Close with prayer requests and prayer

### NEXT STEPS (Optional for group discussion)

1. TEMPERATURE GAUGE – How am I doing when it comes to submitting to Jesus’ authority as king?
2. RESPOND – How is the Lord calling me to respond? In confession and repentance? Prayer for help and guidance? Seeking out a confidant or listening ear? Take a moment to write down one action step.
3. PRACTICE – What is one way that you can incorporate or practice deepening your roots this week?



## Sermon Discussion Guide Leader Notes

### Preparing to Lead Your Group

- ✓ **PRAY** for insight as you begin to prepare for leading your group. Ask for God's wisdom, that the Holy Spirit will be the teacher and that you will be God's instrument to lead the group to greater understanding and a willingness to commit to becoming more like God. ***Prayer should be your primary source of personal preparation for leading your group!***
- ✓ **PLAN** where you want to take your group during the next series. Is your group strong in some areas and weak in others? How can you challenge the members to live more balanced Christian lives?
- ✓ **EVALUATE** after each session and at the end of a series. Reflect on what went well and what didn't. Re-evaluation is key to your growth as a leader. How are you doing with leading the discussion: is it stimulating, challenging, and meaningful? Are you able to keep the group on track? Do you need to make some changes?

### Using This Sermon Discussion Guide

- Review the discussion guide and sermon notes for this week. You can also view the sermon from our website, [www.faithunitedepc.org](http://www.faithunitedepc.org). As the discussion leader, you should preview and evaluate the questions based on the needs of your group.
- Feel free to adapt the format as needed. If your group is mature and wants to dig deeper, consider using the Next Steps section or add additional Scripture and resources. Remember this is only a guide and you don't have to complete all of it. It is a tool to promote good discussion. The goal is good discussion not necessarily getting through every question.
- The questions with Bible verses associated with them are there to encourage Bible literacy. So encourage different people to open their Bibles and read selected verses if they are willing and able.
- Your goal as the leader is to bring the group into a stimulating discussion that helps the members recognize their needs for personal life change. Ultimately you want them to be willing to commit to change with accountability to the group. Accountability helps us to persevere in our commitments and achieve the blessings of success.