

Growth Group Questions

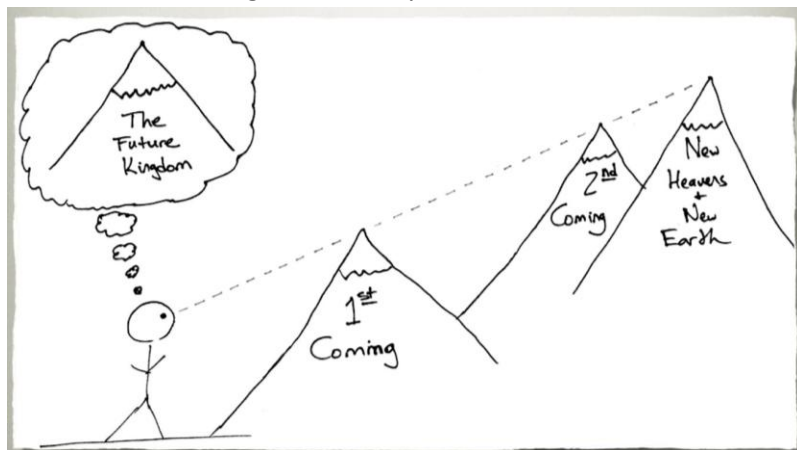
Welcome Home, Christ the King – November 23, 2025

Introduction

This is the week the whole church year has been building up to (and our *Welcome Home* worship series). **Christ Our King!** Share your favorite Bible passages that remind you of the blessing that Christ is King over all things.

Into the Word – Jeremiah 23:1-6

1. The spiritual leaders of Jeremiah's day (the "shepherds") weren't being faithful and true. What will God do to them? To his flock?
2. This reading gives a good opportunity to talk about how we look at Old Testament prophecy in general. Use the picture below to explain why the prophets don't always distinguish between Jesus' 1st and 2nd coming, and eternity in heaven.



3. Now that we understand this "prophetic perspective", what time (or times) is Jeremiah describing here?
4. Explain the meaning behind the names of Jesus given here: "a righteous branch for David" and "the LORD Our Righteous Savior".

Into the Word – Colossians 1:13-20

5. What kingdom did we used to be part of? What kind of kingdom are we in now? (See verses 13-14.)
6. In what to areas is Jesus clearly, totally supreme? (Verses 15-17 and 18-20)
7. What does it mean that Jesus is the "firstborn over all creation"?
8. Jehovah's Witnesses use that phrase to teach that Jesus was the first created, and therefore less than fully God. Why is that ironic considering the context here?

Into the Word – Luke 23:35-43

9. One criminal hurled insults at Jesus (v. 39). How were his words tragically ironic?
10. Does this account show Jesus at his weakest or at his strongest? Why? Why is this then a fitting reading for the last Sunday of the church year?
11. How long will it take for you to get to paradise when you die?
12. What does the promise to the thief on the cross teach us about...
 - Faith
 - Good works
 - Baptism
 - God's forgiveness
 - Heaven

Closing Prayer – Jesus, you are all I need, in this life and for eternity. Bless me and rule in my heart always. Amen.