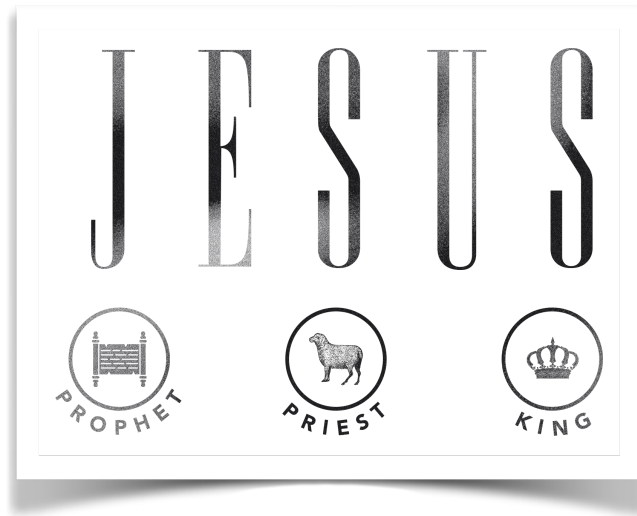


Group Guide
Week 3



HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

There are four components to a healthy group: Word, prayer, relationships, and reaching out.

In this guide, we will study the Bible in three steps: observation, interpretation, and application.

As the leader of your group, feel free to use whatever parts of this guide most help you do this!

CONNECT BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING

- Do you or your family have any Easter traditions?
 - Discipleship check-in:
 - Have you prayed and read your Bible consistently the past week?
 - Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with this week, and what's one way you can love them well?
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INTRODUCTION

On Resurrection Sunday, we celebrate the fact that Jesus did not remain on the cross on Good Friday, but that he is alive and raised! The fact of the resurrection is the cornerstone of the Christian faith, and proof positive that Jesus is, in fact, Kin of kings and Lord of lords. Without the resurrection, the Christian story makes no sense, and Christians are wretched and pitiful (1 Cor. 15:16).

On Sunday, the sermon stated clearly, therefore, that **Jesus Christ is the risen king**. He is the ruling savior, the one who conquered death and sits at the right hand of his Father, interceding for us (as we discussed last week) and ruling over his Church until his glorious return.

OBSERVATIONS & INTERPRETATION

READ: Luke 24:1-12

DISCUSS:

- What exactly is this text describing? In your own words, tell the story of the resurrection as it is described in Luke's gospel.
- Look at 24:4. Why were they perplexed? In the following verse, what do the angels remind the disciples of? (See Luke 9:21)
- Based on what you read, is Luke describing a mythic, spiritualized resurrection or a real, physical resurrection? Why does that matter? (See 1. Cor 15:16).

READ: Philippians 2:5-11.

DISCUSS:

- In this passage, Paul is applying the fact of the resurrection to the Christian life.
- Paul says, "Have this mind among yourselves..." What mind is he referring to?
- How does Paul connect Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection with his lordship over our behavior (vv5-9)?
- What event does "exaltation" (v.9) point to? What is the result of Christ's exaltation (vv.10-11)?

APPLICATION *WHAT DO WE DO NEXT?*

DISCUSS:

- If Jesus has risen, then he is King of kings. Is Jesus king in every area of your life?
- According to what you have studied, why was the resurrection important to Paul?
- Based on what you read in Philippians, what would it mean for Jesus to truly be king in your life today? In your future?

PRAYER

- Spend time giving thanks to Jesus for the fact that he is the resurrected king.
- Spend time asking for boldness to hold fast our confession and bring others to Christ.
- Pray over those on your faith for five card by name.