



LIFE GROUP SERMON NOTES

“Kings & Queens: King of Kings”

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WARM-UP (10-15 minutes)

Choose a question below to answer, or ask another. *No right or wrong answers.*

- Can you recall a “eureka” moment in your life? (a moment when you suddenly discovered or understood something or got the solution to a problem)
- What’s the title of God you mainly use when you pray? (Father, Lord, Kind, Jesus)
- What’s the silliest thing you did for “love”?

WORD (10-15 minutes)

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(1 Timothy 6:12-16 ESV) *Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.*

Jesus Christ is extraordinarily beyond any other great king or ruler throughout all of history. To apprehend him we need a revelation of him as he truly is. He is more than a mortal man. He is none other than God in the flesh! This great Jesus has promised to share his reign with all who are reconciled to God through him. He gave his life as a sacrifice for our sins, atoning for them, that we might inherit the kingdom of God and be with him forever. When we have a proper revelation of his exalted glory, power, holiness, and dominion, we will be moved to worship him. We will also participate in a holy, heavenly wedding with him, and will also participate in the ultimate triumph of good over evil. All this is revealed in Revelation 19.

WORSHIP

Revelation 19:1-5 ESV) *After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for his judgments are true and just; for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.” Once more they cried out, “Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever.” And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!” And from the throne came a voice saying, “Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.”*

- The multitude of saints who had been redeemed from the evils of the world and from their own sins celebrated God’s glory and justice when God judged once and for all the wicked systems of this world that oppose him and his rule. With this revelation of hope we too should worship him!

WEDDING

(Revelation 19:6-10 ESV) *Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."*

- God's purpose in judging and removing wickedness from the face of the earth is ultimately positive in its objective. God intends to commune with his redeemed people for eternity. He refers to it as a wedding that will take place between Jesus and the universal church made up of all true believers. Once the wicked are judged and removed from his presence, God will commence a celebration of joy that will surpass anything that has ever occurred in human history. Everyone who repents of their sin and turns to God by trusting and following Jesus will be at this celebration!

WARRING

(Revelation 19:11-21 ESV) *Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, "Come, gather for the great supper of God, to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great." And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.*

- Jesus will physically return to the earth at a divinely appointed day. He will return to destroy all demonic and wicked opposition to God's rule. Evil will be judged and removed from his holy presence, so that his name might be honored, his kingdom come, and his will be done on earth as it already is in heaven. God will directly and personally intervene in history to deal with all human wickedness and rebellion. He will then establish his kingdom fully just as he has promised to do.

PERSONAL APPLICATION (10-15 minutes)

Choose an item below to discuss, or introduce another related topic for discussion.

- Is Jesus King of your life? If yes, how can you live out his authority over your life? If not, do you want to acknowledge him as your King today?
- What is your emotional response to the idea that one day you will stand in front of Jesus to give him account of your life? What changes do you need to make to have confidence in that day?
- What have you learned from this lesson and how are you going to apply it to your life?

PRAYER (10-15 minutes)

Pray for any of the following, as well as any other requests you may have.

- For a greater revelation of Jesus in your life.
- Increase in wisdom, since we are going to rule together with him.
- For a higher level of surrender to the kingship of Jesus in your life.