

King of Kings

Life Group Discussion Questions – December 5, 2021

Jesus was the King of Kings prior to **CREATION!** John 17:5

Jesus' '**HUMILIATION**' was a monumental decision
John 17:5; Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 1:8-9

John the Baptist connects Jesus to **ISAIAH**
Luke 3:4-6; Isaiah 40:3-5, 9-11

What was Jesus like in **ETERNITY PAST?**
Isaiah 40: 1-2, 11-18

His **COMFORT** and **COMPASSION** vs 1-2, 11
'Comfort'; 'Speak Kindly'; 'My People'; 'Your God'; 3 prophetic certainties

His **ENORMITY** compared to the earth vs 12
'waters, heavens, dust, mountains, hills' vs 'hand, span, measure, scale'

His **KNOWLEDGE** and **UNDERSTANDING** vs 13-14
'direct', 'counselor', 'consult', 'taught', 'informed'

His **SUPERIORITY** over the nations vs 15-18
'drop of water', 'speck of dust', 'burnt offering', 'nothing', 'meaningless'

This is the **NATURE** of the baby in Bethlehem... who humbled Himself!

You can truly trust Jesus because of who He is in His full glory!

Jesus in the Manger was the Humbled Jesus

Jesus in Isaiah is the Glorified Jesus before the world began!

John 17:5 And now You, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world existed.

DISCOVER (read Philippians 2:5-11)

1. Tell about a time when you looked out for the interests of another person. Did your attitude have any effect on how much you cared? How did caring for others make a difference in your relationships?
2. What does it mean to "empty yourself" like Jesus did? What worldly attachments cling to you? What entitlements do you think you have?
3. How does emptying yourself affect your expectations or any God-given roles such as marriage or parenting?

EXPLORE

1. Read John 1:1. How does this verse demonstrate that Jesus pre-existed as God? What "beginning" does it reference? What does "preeminence" mean?
2. Re-read John 17:5. What glory is Jesus referring to that existed before the creation account in Genesis 1?
3. Read Luke 10:18. When did this happen? What was Jesus' vantage point during this occurrence? What can we conclude about the role Jesus assumed in this event?
4. What exactly did Jesus set aside to come into this world as a human being? What happened to His glory?
5. Read Jude v. 24 and 25. As a group, how would you paraphrase this passage? What kinds of emotions might you experience as a result of this understanding?

EXPERIENCE

1. Have you ever considered that Jesus could have come as a demanding and autocratic king instead of as a humble servant? How would your response to Him have been different? How would this have changed your life trajectory?
2. Since there was no limit to Christ's obedience, what does that demand from us in terms of our attitude towards obedience to God?
3. Will atheists and agnostics confess with their lips and bow in the knee that Jesus is Lord? Why will this happen? What does bowing the knee signify?

PRAY

Pray...Father, forgive me that at times I don't feel or act like a new creation; that I don't always bear Your image well. Help me to love like You do. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation especially when I inevitably stumble and lead me in the path of righteousness for Your glory.

Action...Identify and share one area in your life that you tend to be selfish about. What will you do to replace this tendency with a Christ-like attitude?

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