

Week 10 - “Psalm 96 – The God Who Is King”

The Aim of the Session

We look at a Psalm which declares the Kingship of God – a King who is king of all seasons of our life, if we want him to be so.

- **Welcome**

Who was your pop or film idol when you were young?

- **Worship**

Read Psalm 96 together or taking a verse. What image does this create in your minds?

Read Revelation 5:11-14 and worship God together with those around the throne.

- **Word**

For “King”, read “King or Queen” ... ok??

- ❖ What are the character traits we look for in a King?
- ❖ Are these expectations realistic?
- ❖ What happens if they don't live up to them?
- ❖ Who would you say are the “Cultural” Kings in the world today?
- ❖ Who would you say are the “Sporting” Kings in the world today?
- ❖ How long will they reign?
- ❖ What will end it?

1 Samuel tells of the Children of Israel being dissatisfied with the system of judges that God had put over them. They wanted to have a King instead, so they could be like the nations around them. Samuel tells God, who says that it is God they have rejected as their King (1 Samuel 8:7-8) rather than Samuel. And he warns them ...

Read 1 Samuel 8:11-22

- What is the cost of having an earthly King?
- Is this true of all types of King?
- What does God demand of his subjects? (Careful with this question!)
- How does this differ from the list in this passage?
- What happens if his subjects do not respond accordingly?
- How does this go towards explaining the cultural and sporting kings we make?

Read Philippians 2:5-11

- What kind of King is Jesus Christ?
- What do these verses say about the Christmas Story?
- How did God the Father respond to his Son's humility?
- How will we have to respond to his Kingship one day?

- ❖ We have a choice – to bow the knee by choice or because one day we will have to.
- ❖ What kind of King do you see God as?
- ❖ How does his Kingship affect our lives?
- ❖ What are the benefits?
- ❖ What are the costs?
- ❖ Is it worth making the decision?

- **Works**

Even if you are a staunch republican, the Bible tells us to pray for our leaders!

- ❖ Pray for the leaders of the Nation – the King, the Prime Minister, other Party Leaders (even if you cant bear them or what they stand for!)
- ❖ Pray for the leaders of other nations – those in the new and those not.
- ❖ Pray for the leaders of the Church – Nationally, in the Diocese, in St Peter's.



Next Time ...

Psalms: Seeking God Through Honesty and Reality

11 – Psalm 136 “God’s Love Endures Forever”