



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FEB. 2 | CRAIG REES

Key thought: Jesus was born “King of the Jews” (Matt.2:2) and died “King of the Jews” (John 19:19) but He will return as the “King of Kings” (Rev. 19:16).

Key scriptures: : Hebrews 1:5-14, 2:1, Psalm 45, John 18:33-37, Isaiah 2:2-4; Matthew 4:17

1. What was your major takeaway from this message?
2. Looking at the significance of Psalm 45, CS Lewis refers to the “second meaning of the Psalms.” Read Psalm 45 in light of the relationship between Christ and His Church. Read it through twice if needed. What struck you about the significance of the “bride of Christ” and her role in the bridegroom’s kingdom?
3. In John 18:36-37 Jesus says that His kingdom is “not of this world”. How would you respond to those who take these verses to mean that the kingdom is “spiritual” with little to no “physical” (tangible) impact on the world itself?
4. Dallas Willard said that “kingdom is the range of your effective will.” It’s that realm where what we want is the way things are. We each have a will—a way of living, moving, and acting. We each have a kingdom and our kingdom affects other’s kingdoms. When we orient our kingdom to God’s, God’s kingdom advances—His will and His ways—and chaos is pushed out. What fills in the void is shalom. With this in mind:
 - a. Is there any area of your life that needs a kingdom invasion?
 - b. Where does your kingdom take priority over God’s kingdom?
 - c. Are there areas of your own little kingdom that doesn’t function the way God’s kingdom functions?
 - d. Where does your kingdom need to submit to God’s kingdom?
5. The means of entry to the kingdom seems to be “repentance.” How do you understand repentance? What role should repentance play in kingdom life?
5. Because Jesus is King, we build His kingdom His way not ours. What do you understand by these words? In what ways are we tempted to build God’s kingdom our way? What dangers does this pose to us, and to Christ’s church?
5. Because Jesus is King, we build movements not monuments. As you look at your life, where do you see God “moving”? How can you join Him in that movement?