

These notes are designed to be used by small groups on Zoom, by members of a family or by a couple of friends on the telephone. They are based on our Sunday sermons and are designed to help us all think through the issues raised about “God in my Everything”. You will get the most out of them if you have heard the sermon first.

Sermon Date

21 November 2021

Bible Passages

John 18:33-37 Col 1:15-20

Theme & Introduction

What does it mean to call Jesus, King? How should that affect our lives and our life together as a church family?

Questions

1. The New Testament often refers to Jesus as *Iesous Christos* (Ἰησοῦς Χρῑστος). Discuss the following possible translations of that. What meanings do they convey to you?
 - Jesus Christ
 - Jesus the Christ
 - Jesus the Messiah
 - King Jesus
 - Jesus the Anointed One.
2. Read John 18:33-37.
What does Pilate mean when he asks Jesus if he is king of the Jews? How does Pilate expect a king to act?
3. Alan suggested that Jesus’ answer in v 36 is best translated *my kingdom is **not from** this world*, rather than *my kingdom is **not of** this world*, because **not of** could suggest that it is not **for** this world. Discuss where Jesus implies His authority comes from and why it is important that we see Jesus’ authority as being **for** this world.
4. If Jesus was truly King of someone’s life, what would that life look like?
How might Jesus being king of our lives affect the way we approach putting our rules of life together? [discuss how you are getting on with yours].
If Jesus was truly King of this church, what would our worship and fellowship and mission look like?
5. One person read Colossians 1:15-20 slowly out loud, pausing after each phrase. In the pauses you can either ponder in silence or speak out words of worship.