

Sunday Sermon Notes

"I Need a King!"

The kings I have tried:

The Israeli Model:

"Give us a king like the other nations"

The American Model:

"I'll be my own king"

The Galilean Model

"Jesus, be the king I want"

A problem that just won't go away: Worry

Guilt and shame from my past

Stress and depression in my present

Fear and anxiety of my future

King Jesus' alternative to "anti-trust"

Decide to stop: "Do not worry"

Trust in God: "How much more..."

Desire the King: "Seek his kingdom..."

Grasp the reward: "Where your treasure is..."

Is it time for me to make Jesus my king?

Digging Deeper

Notes for Individual Meditation and Small Group Discussion

Reviewing the Sermon:

What kind of kings have you tried in the past? How have they worked out for you?

What type of worry do you struggle with the most? Past, present or future

What alternative for "anti-trust" do you think will help you the most?

Bible Study: John 6:25-58

Discussion Questions

(Remember that not all questions must be used)

This passage follows the miracle when Jesus feed the five thousand. John states that after the feeding, the crowd wanted to make Jesus king, but Jesus withdrew from them. The next day, the crowd finds Jesus on the other side of the lake. In this passage, Jesus teaches about "The Bread of life."

25-26: What was wrong with the crowd wanting to follow Jesus because of the food he had given them? In what ways do we sometimes follow him for similar types of reasons?

28-29: What does Jesus say is the "work of God"? How would you describe what it means to "believe in the one he has sent?"

30-33: Why do you think the crowd wanted an miraculous sign when they had just seen Jesus perform a miracle when feeding the crowd? How does Jesus respond to their request for another miracle?

34-35: What do you think Jesus means when he says that "He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty"? How can this be possible?

36-40: Jesus says that even those who have seen him have still not believed. Why is seeing not believing? What is your understanding of verse 37? What does Jesus say is the will of Him who sent Him? Who does Jesus say will be the ones who will have eternal life and be raised up at the last day?

41-42: Why were the Jews grumbling about what Jesus had said? Why do people grumble against Jesus today?

43-47: How do you think the Father goes about drawing someone to Jesus? How were you drawn to Jesus? What does Jesus say is necessary to receive everlasting life?

48-51: What does it mean for Jesus to say "I am the bread of life"? To what is Jesus referring when he says "This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world"?

52-58: What do you think Jesus means by "eating his flesh" and "drinking his blood"? What does he mean by "my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink"?

How might what Jesus says in the passage relate to the sacrament of communion? How does hearing Jesus say this affect your understanding of taking communion?

In your prayer time, ask that God will help each one of you to truly receive the bread of life.



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