

The Creed

Christ THE King

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019

KEY SCRIPTURE | Matthew 16:13–16

DISCUSSION GUIDE

The third Sunday in The Creed series, our focus is on Christ THE King. In Matthew 16, Jesus asks His disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' Knowing the region of Caesarea Philippi was the crown jewel of the Roman Empire and the Roman Empire was the most extensive political and social structure in western civilization, Peter's proclamation that Jesus was THE King meant He was over and above even the Roman Empire. Jesus is greater than any earthly kingdom or authority.

Believing in Jesus Christ, God's only son, as Lord requires surrender — a commitment is not enough. When we commit to something, we're still the ones in control. The whole idea of surrendering to someone else's control runs counter to the prevailing mind set of our culture — we don't want anyone telling us what to do and we want to be in control of our own lives. But paradoxically, the only path to freedom is to surrender and trust Jesus as King — Lord, Messiah, anointed one of our lives. Obedient surrender is due THE King.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think back to Sunday's message. What do you remember? Review your notes if you have them. If you're with a life group, talk with them about anything you found memorable or confusing.
2. Read Genesis 49:10 and Zechariah 9:9. How do these prophecies point to Jesus as King?
3. Read Matthew 2:1–12. What part do the wisemen play in the foretelling of Jesus as King?
4. Read Matthew 26:62–64 and Luke 23:1–3. Who does Jesus say He is?
5. Read Matthew 19:16–21. What are some issues on which you are reserving the right to control your own life? Refer to the 'Now What' below for possibilities.
6. What might we stand to lose by holding out on obediently surrendering to Jesus?
7. Share a situation you have faced recently that required you to freshly affirm and live out your surrender to the will of God. It may have been a choice to obey God's Word or the prompting of the Holy Spirit on a simple, everyday matter, or it may have been a more major point of surrender.
8. What's your biggest take away from Sunday's message and today's discussion?

NOW WHAT?

Is there an area of your life that still needs obedient surrender?

~Money ~Mouth ~Views/Opinions ~Sex ~Mind ~Dreams/Goals ~Calendar ~Other area

This week talk through these with a trusted friend or family member.

Then, pray and ask God what He'd have you do in obedient surrender to Jesus.

