

## **Discussion & Reflection Questions**

### **Christ The King - 20th of November 2022**

#### **Read: Luke 23.33-43**

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup> and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' <sup>42</sup> Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' <sup>43</sup> He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

#### **Discussion & Reflection Questions**

1. There are many names & metaphors used for Jesus in scripture. Which ones do you really connect with? Which ones do you struggle with?
2. What does or has 'Christ the King' meant for you?
3. Jesus talks most about 'the kingdom of God'. What do you think about when you hear the phrase 'kingdom of God'?
4. How do you cope with criticism? What about criticism of the church?
5. How does the kingdom of God contrast with a culture of individualism?
6. How does the kingdom of God contrast with a culture of compliance?
7. Only some believed & claimed Jesus as king. God can do a lot with just "some" - how does that make you feel & think about the kingdom of God?

#### **Prayer**

Eternal God, you exalted Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and have made us instruments of his kingdom: by your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need, then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may be welcomed into your everlasting joy and may worship and adore you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.