

King of Kings

Small Groups Weekly Bible Study

January 27 - February 2

Beginnings - 2: “Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”

Theme: Genesis – Already, but Not Yet...

Warm-Up Questions: Choose from one of the following questions.

1. How do you respond to what Tyler Rohlfesen stated: “We believe that what God has spoken to us in the opening chapters of Genesis has direct a bearing on how we make sense of the world in which we live.”

Observation and Interpretation Questions:

Tyler said, “*Since what God created was fundamentally and unapologetically good, how do we explain the huge gap between that fact and what we currently experience?*”

Read Romans 5:12-14. The reality of our predicament

1. What does Paul say happened when Adam chose to disobey God (verse 12)?
2. Why do you think Paul talks about the law at this point (verse 13)?
3. What is now true about you and me since the law has come (verse 14)?

Read John 5:24. The penalty of sin - PAST

1. What two things must be true for you to receive the eternal life Jesus promises?
2. What three things does Jesus say have already happened for you regarding eternal life?

Read 1 Peter 4:1-3. The power of sin - PRESENT

1. How does Peter say you should prepare yourself for holy living (verse 1)?
2. Why is it important that you understand that Christ, Himself is our example (verses 2-3)?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:51-54. The presence of sin - FUTURE

1. What are you told regarding what will happen when Christ returns (verses 51-52)?
2. How does Paul describe what will happen to our present bodies (verses 53-54)?

Application Question:

1. What are you going to do to be more aware of what Christ has already done for you?
2. How can you share with one other person the powerful reality of God’s future redemption?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, teach us again the enormity of all You have done for us who bear the sin of the first Adam, yet who wait for all that Jesus, the new Adam, has waiting for us.

Talk and Pray with one another about how you can join Jesus on His mission in your own lives this week, using the questions on the back, and pray for one another about any concerns or praises you have.

Going Deeper

1 Corinthians 15:21-22 says: ***“For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.”***

How would you state what this means to you as you think about the concept of “not yet?”

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:23. – The order of resurrection

Why might it be essential to consider that there is an order to what will take place?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 15: 24: – The totality of resurrection

How will eliminating all other kingdoms and powers be significant for Christ to rule?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 15: 25-28. – The finality of resurrection

What will putting death under the feet of Christ accomplish for all mankind?

4. Read 1 Corinthians 15: 42-45 – The distinctiveness of physical resurrection

What does each of the four distinctions between our old and new bodies mean to you?

5. Read 1 Corinthians 15:46-49. – The contrasts of resurrection

How are Adam and Christ’s creation contrasted to solidify the point made by the apostle Paul?

6. Read 1 Corinthians 15:57-58. – The power of the resurrection

What impresses you most about what God wants for you in light of Christ’s resurrection?

Share one thing you are looking forward to happening for you in the future?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, broaden our minds to see that though what we experience now in this world is far from your original intent; in Christ, one day, all will be made new.

