



Week beginning November 23rd

Christ the King

Opening Questions

- Places are sometimes described as being like a 'piece of heaven.' Where is your 'piece of heaven'?
- Jesus is given many different titles in the Bible. How many can you think of? Which one are you drawn towards?

Getting into the text

Read Luke 23:33-43

- In this passage Jesus is ridiculed three times. Who were his mockers? What do you think motivated them?
- In verse 35 we read that 'the people stood watching.' What do think they were thinking and feeling? Why didn't they protest at what was happening?

- What are some of the qualities of Jesus' kingship which we can see in this passage?

- Jesus promised a place in paradise to the criminal by his side. What do you think qualified him for that place?

Applying the Bible to your life

- How does the idea of a criminal being welcomed affect your vision of heaven?

- Jesus said, 'Father forgive them...' How do you think those words should influence the way you live your life? What challenges do they bring?

Something to pray about

The psalmist writes, '**Come let us sing for joy to the Lord....For the Lord is a great God, the great King above all gods.**' (Psalm 95:1,3)

- Spend some time in praise and thanksgiving to Jesus our King.

- Pray for wisdom and integrity for our leaders both locally and nationally as they made decisions on our behalf.

- Pray for situations where you find it difficult to forgive. Ask God to help you to find a way forward.