

## The Politics of Jesus (7 of 7) Small Group Discussion Questions

### SUNDAY WORSHIP DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The global pandemic COVID-19 has forced us to adjust and adapt how we do church and stay connected to one another as a congregation. We're not closed as a church, we're just doing church differently! So, please stay connected to the body at Grantham Church. Join our congregation for worship online at 10:30 am each Sunday morning. Follow the worship liturgy and watch our [Vimeo](#) videos at [granthamchurch.org/liturgy](http://granthamchurch.org/liturgy).

As usual, the sermons will be posted to the [recent sermons page](#) on our website and at the [Grantham Church Podcast](#) the following day, along with the small group discussion questions under Worship Resources. Thank you for engaging with us online!

Sunday, November 8th 2020



**Sermon Title:** Long Live King Jesus!

**Scripture Reading:** Philippians 2:1-11; John 17:20-23; Romans 10:9-10

**Sermon Focus:** The 2020 presidential election has revealed that the US is more divided than ever. We have major problems that politics will not be able to resolve. Politics can not heal the soul of a nation, only Christ can through disciples who follow him. In the final sermon of our series, Pastor David shares what it means to confess "Jesus is Lord" and how we must come out of empire and unite together as the Body of Christ.

1. Regardless if your candidate won in the recent election, Pastor David said that we need to recognize that we have *major* problems that politics can't resolve. What are those problems, and why can't they be fixed through politics?
2. Pastor David said that many Christians seem to be fine with America having a veneer of Christianity but aren't all that interested in applying Jesus' teachings and the political nature of the gospel to their own lives and living. Be honest and share how you've seen this *both* from the political right and the political left.
3. The New Testament presented Jesus as king—from his royal birth, his baptism, his ministry, his death, resurrection and ascension. For the early church, saying "Jesus is King" has real-world implications. He is reigning now! But how can that be with so much evil in the world? Pastor David reminded us that we live in a warzone, in the overlap of the present evil age and the age to come. So, we are in a real struggle between good and evil. With that in mind, in what ways do you see the Lordship of Christ today? How do you see the Kingdom coming?
4. Read Philippians 2:1-11 together. Paul describes the servant character of King Jesus and that we should follow him in this way if we're going to call him Lord. If we're honest, our unbelieving society in America is fed up with evangelicals and those whose faith doesn't look like Jesus. So, how do you envision a church that looks like Jesus? Be specific in your description. How can Grantham do this?
5. Paul said this in Romans 10:9-10 (VOICE): "So if you believe deep in your heart that God raised Jesus from the *pit of death* and if you voice your allegiance by confessing *the truth* that "Jesus is Lord," then you will be saved! Belief begins in the heart and leads to *a life that's* right with God; confession departs from our lips and brings *eternal* salvation." How do you see a disconnect in how we live and our profession that Jesus is Lord? Also, what should we say or do differently in the Church to show that Christianity is a way of life, not just about beliefs?
6. We need to heal the soul of our nation, but politics can *not* heal the soul of any nation, only Christ can do that through disciples who faithfully follow him with the Church and go into the world as peacemakers and agents of new creation. What can Grantham Church do toward that divine purpose and goal? How can we model listening, confession, and repentance that leads to healing?
7. How has the Spirit challenged, convicted, encouraged, and inspired you through this sermon series? What would be a major takeaway for you?