

Session 5: Jesus the King



INTRODUCTION

This session focuses on Jesus Christ as the climax of the story—the fulfillment of all the Old Testament scriptures (Luke 24:27). He is the true image of God, and true Israelite, who redeems humanity through his person, work, and words. Jesus is both Saviour and Lord, and his redemptive work affects everything, which gives meaning to all of life and culture—including our ordinary activities. The gospel is therefore more than personal salvation; it is the invitation to participate in a renewed life for a renewed world.

“As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them.” —Luke 24:15

EMMAUS ROAD REFLECTION

1. What has God been saying to me through this episode (e.g. encouragement, challenge)?
2. What was significant or new? What questions did it raise?

DISCUSSION

1. When you think about Jesus being part of the larger story of Scripture, how does it change the way you think about him and his life?
2. What difference does it make to recognize Jesus as both Saviour and King?
3. What does Jesus show us about what God is like? What does Jesus reveal about what it means to be human and what it means to be holy?

ACTIVITY

Jesus' lordship and redemptive work affects every aspect of our lives. Christine's understanding of her vocation was reframed when she connected her daily activities (at home, community, workplace) with Christ's calling to love others and help them thrive—"people-keeping" as Rikk Watts reminds us.

Write down the activities in your life that are easy to connect to people-keeping, the ones that contribute to the lives of others. Then write down an activity where it is difficult for you to see a contribution to the flourishing of others. If you're comfortable, share the activity you find difficult with the group. As a group, discuss how you might reframe this activity. How does it, or could it, be connected to people-keeping?