

Home Group notes for the week following Sunday 22nd November 2015

## **CHRIST THE KING**

### **As We Gather**

The Jewish nation believed that God was their King and those appointed to rule over / lead them, did so under the authority of the Lord (Judges 8:22-23 1 Samuel 12:12).

They awaited the coming of Messiah, who would free them from domination of conquering nations and be their king as promised to David [Psalm 132:11-12 2 Samuel 23:3-4].

Prophesies concerning Messiah were fulfilled in Christ (see Isaiah 11:1-10 Jeremiah 23:5-6 Zechariah 24:25-27 Luke 24:25-27 John 8:28-29 Acts 2:29-31 Revelation 22:16)

**Reading Scripture PSALM 132:1-12 2 SAMUEL 23:1-7 JOHN 18:33-37**

### **Thinking together**

In John 18:33-37 we read of the conversation between Pilate and Jesus. Pilate had to ascertain if Jesus was a rebel against Rome, trying to set Himself up as a political king of the Jews.

Jesus spoke clearly of who He was and why He had come into the world [John 18:36-37].

Pilate had no doubt that Jesus spoke the truth and was innocent of any crime, but even while recognising this truth, chose to reject it

**Why do you think he did this? Discuss**

**Have you ever failed to recognise the truth about an event, situation, or person, and acted on your assumptions? How did you feel when you learned the truth? Discuss**

**Have you ever refused to believe the truth about an event, situation or person? Discuss**

**For what reason(s) did you refuse to believe the truth? Discuss**

### **In Closing**

Jesus told Pilate clearly that He had come to reveal the truth to the world.

We either accept or reject this truth, and in so doing, we either accept or reject Christ.

Chris is Truth.

Christ is the king of those who yield to His sovereignty (Daniel 7:13-28)

**Is Christ your King?**

### **PRAYER**

Most High God, majestic and almighty, our beginning and our end; rule in our hearts and guide us to be faithful in our daily actions, worshiping the One who comes as Saviour and Sovereign – who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

