

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, SWANLAND

SMALL GROUPS NOTES

Sharing Christ through friendship

Week beginning 25 November 2012. Christ the King, Theme: Jesus is King.

Please pray for God's Holy Spirit to reveal his truth to you and for you today, as you read his word and encounter Jesus, King of Kings through it.

Please read Revelation 1 4b-8 and John 18: 33-37 before moving on.

Welcome/ icebreaker	Elvis, Alfred, Henry, Kong....Who is your favourite King?(Or Queen or other ruler) Why?
Worship	Choose some songs/hymns about God/Jesus as King and his kingdom. Suggestions: King of Kings Majesty, Jesus is King, The Splendour of the King, Crown him with many crowns. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God. <i>Don't forget the red folders of newer songs available from the lounge.</i>
Word (refs.↓)	Sermon available to listen to on www.stbchurch.org.uk if you missed it. Click on "downloads".
Revelation 1:4b-8 V5 and 6 V6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• After reading this passage, try to describe Jesus, who he is and what he has done and what he will do.• Jesus is described as a faithful witness. Compare with John 18:37b where Jesus says he was born to testify to the truth. What might this mean?• How can we come into his kingdom and how can we be a kingdom?
John 18: 33-38	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jesus came to establish God's Kingdom. What does he tell us about his Kingdom in this passage? According to Tom Wright v 36 is better translated as in the NRSV, My kingdom is not from (rather than of) this world as in NIV. Why might this be important for us to know?• Where is God's Kingdom?• Why does Jesus teach us to pray "your Kingdom come on earth" Mt 6:9-13. How can that happen?
John 18:38	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pilate asked "What is truth?" then he turned away and went to the Jewish leaders who had distorted the truth. Why is this so poignant?(see Jn14:6) How can we know what is truth? Do we ever distort the truth to suit our own agendas? How can we guard against that?
Prayer/Witness	Pray for each other to allow the Holy Spirit to transform us as St Barnabas church family, into a living Kingdom. How can we see it move along. What will it look like? Pray for someone who doesn't yet know Jesus as their King. Who might we invite to <i>Simply Christmas</i> or <i>Mistletoe and Wine</i> ?