

## 'Who is the Christ?' / Week 2 / 'The Humble King'

13/09/20 / Home Group or Personal Bible Study Questions

**Group Leaders** – Please feel free to use all or some of these questions for your group this week.

**Please read: John 13:1 – 17. Additional reading: Philippians Chpt. 2.**

**For Home-group Study Questions:**

- ‡ **Do you consider yourself to be humble? In what ways?**
- ‡ **Is there anyone you know that demonstrates humility? What is it about them that makes you say that?**
- ‡ Our speaker on Sunday said there were dangers for us if being a Christian becomes 'too easy'. **What do you think he meant by this? Do you agree?**
- ‡ In this passage Jesus asks His disciples, "Will you let me do this for you?" We're reminded here that becoming a Christian isn't about what you can do for Jesus; it's about what Jesus will do for you. **Do you think that for some this is a difficult thing to grasp? Why? / Why not?**
- ‡ In the passage Peter misunderstands what Jesus is trying to show him. Jesus was showing him how to *stay* clean, not become clean. **What would you say to help someone who felt that every time they mess up, they have ruined their relationship with Jesus for good?**
- ‡ In Sunday's talk we heard an account of a truck driver and his friends who parked their trucks under a bridge where man was threatening to jump. They said, "If you are going to jump, you are not falling far!" **How can we model that attitude in our own Christian community?**

**Please see next page for Further Study (or extra Qs for Home-groups if required)**

✠ There are three, quite distinct **truths** to learn about in this passage:

1. **Who Jesus was** i.e. what His mission was.
2. **Salvation** (See v 8) – In other words, the forgiveness of sin is a necessary prelude to fellowship with Jesus Christ & our salvation. He uses a cultural distinction of a bath (complete washing as in baptism by immersion) with daily cleansing (foot washing) to explain **justification** (or regeneration as it's also known) and
3. **His will** or, in other words; **obedience** – outlined by His demonstration of servanthood & His requirement of us to do likewise.

Explore the Bible to discover more about **Jesus' mission** (some suggestions, but certainly not exclusively: Phil. 2:6, Luke 19:10, Luke 5:32, John 1:14, John 14:6 – 11, Luke 4:18.)

**...Justification & salvation** (some suggestions, but certainly not exclusively: Ps. 91:14 – 16, Is. 12:2, Luke 19:9 – 10, 1 Peter 1:5, 2 Cor. 5:21, Is. 53, Rom 4:5, Paul's testimony in Phil. 3.)

**...Obedience** (some suggestions, but certainly not exclusively: John 14:21, Acts 5:32, Ps. 143:10, James 1:22, James 2:17)

✠ We heard in Sunday's talk a story about some firefighters who helped a group of homeless people find safe accommodation in an old cathedral. The firefighters, and the students who befriended the homeless, served those around them and got involved in something that would have been far from easy. **We may or may not have opportunities on such a large scale, but what challenges does this present to you in terms of reaching out to others around you who may be difficult to be with?**

✠ **Are there any moments when you know God might be asking you to act differently, but you are worried about what others might think?**