

# A Divine Light in a Dark World


## Part 2 He's All That You Need

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# TALKING POINTS WALKING POINTS

## Leaders' Guide

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**Talk** together about the glory of God's kingdom. –Psalm 145:11  
Love the Lord your God and **walk** in all his ways. –Joshua 22:5

## Questions for Community Group Discussion

- 1 Review the **six observations** Pastor Doug made about Jesus (see [Sermon Summary](#)), and then:
  - 2 1. Jesus is **King**. What **advantages** do monarchies have? What **dangers** do they pose?
  - 3 Do those dangers exist when the Monarch is Jesus? Why or why not? Explain.
  - 4 2. Doug noted that Jesus is the **source of salvation**. What would you say to someone who doesn't sense any need to be saved? **5** How often do **you** sense a need to be saved? Why is that?
  - 6 4. Jesus is the **fulfillment of your desires**. *Really—what if my desires are dark?!*
  - 7 6. Jesus is **worthy of trust**. Do you have "trust issues"? Who would be willing to tell us about it?
- 3 & 5. Jesus is the **foundational authority** and **director of life's paths**.
- 8 Does this sound attractive to you—or *just a little threatening?!* **Why** do you say that?

- 9 **Creating "God Space"**: "God Space" is where cynics, skeptics, and spiritually curious people can **safely** raise their questions, reservations, and doubts because we have listened well and demonstrated love in **practical, authentic** ways.
  - Think of a friend or family member who needs the Lord, and then ask them these questions:
  - Which of those **six observations** do you find attractive—and **why?**
  - Which of those **six observations** do you find offensive—and **why?**
  - Could we talk further about this?

*Do you fear God's path for your life?*

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## Application-Challenge

- 10 **Jesus is King of the Universe, so...**

- Let him be your Savior and the foundation of your authority as well.
- Let him direct your life's path and it will result in the fulfillment of our heart's desires.
- Jesus is worthy of your trust. **So let's trust him!**

1 This week's entire discussion is devoted to these six observations, so at this point, simply reading the six statements (the **bold red text** in the **Sermon Summary**) is sufficient. Also note that the discussion of these points (the **bold red numbers** in the **Questions for Community Group Discussion**) does not adhere to the order in which Doug gave them. I suggest discussing them in this order so as to keep the "hard ball" questions for the end of the discussion.

**Note:** For items 2 through 8 you'll probably have to read the full text of each in order to discuss it.

2 **Possible advantages include:**

- They're stable—you know who's in charge: the eldest son/daughter of the ruling family.
- They are efficient—one person decides everything. No "gridlock". No "reversing previous policies" when the next administration comes in (since there is no "next administration"!).
- If you like/agree with the king, you're happy with his policies and can plan accordingly.

**Possible disadvantages include:**

- They're stable—if you dislike/disagree with them/their policies, tough luck! You can't vote them out.
- They're efficient—if you dislike/disagree with them, they still get to quickly make policy decisions you dislike.
- If you dislike/disagree with the king, it can be dangerous! What the king wants, he gets!

3 The one truth about King Jesus is that you know his rule will be just and righteous. You still may not *like* his rulings, but you cannot prove them to be unjust. The wicked, in fact, hate God's rule. See Psalm 2.

4 This question is "safe" because it's about "other people"—but keep in mind that group members may be sharing **their own** answers (simply saying that "that's what other people think"). Which segues into...5 ...which gets personal! Don't short-change this part of the discussion—it's key to life-change.

6 "The fulfillment of our desires" sounds blissful—but honestly, Jesus doesn't approve of some of our desires! Right?! Read John 3:19-21! Help group members grapple honestly with this truth. Is it possible that Jesus **crushes** some of our desires? (eg. the desire for autonomy) How should we respond to the fact that our hearts are a mess of conflicting desires?

7 A response to this question likely will have to be shared by one brave soul. This is pretty vulnerable.

8 This question requires the same degree of vulnerability as 7. It may need to be answered by that same brave soul. Or, there may be additional volunteers. Play it by ear, but seek for authenticity.

9 After a robust discussion of 2 through 8, take a bit of time discussing (or even role-playing) how you might be able to discuss these truths about Christ with a non-believing friend.

10 These points of "**Application-Challenge**" may best be handled simply as a closing prayer.

**Note:** This



is always appropriate to bring to people's attention—either to the whole group, or privately to any individuals who you sense may be struggling with the lordship demands of Christ.



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