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- He became _____
- His _____ on the cross and empty grave
- He is our _____
- It is _____

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Jesus should be our King because...

- He became ONE OF US
- His PAST VICTORY on the cross and empty grave
- He is our ONLY HOPE
- It is GOD'S WILL

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- 3) Don't make EXCUSES for your sin.
- 4) Unrepentant sin leads to more SIN and unforeseen BAGGAGE
- 5) Grace is unmerited FAVOR
- 6) Mercy is unmerited FORGIVENESS

Sometimes it can be tempting to see the *worst* in others, while only seeing the *best* in ourselves. What practical steps can we take to have a healthier perspective?

8) What do you think Jesus wants us to understand from the following passage?

John 10:7-18 - "[7] Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. [8] "All who [ever] came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. [9] "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. [10] "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have [it] more abundantly. [11] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

TAKING IT HOME

9) The following passage compares the Bible to a mirror. Why do you think it is so important to judge yourself?

James 1:23-24 - "[23] For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; [24] for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was."

10) What do you most need to remember or put into practice from this week's message or homework?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of November 13, 2022

MY STORY

- 1) This week we read how the king of Tyre built David a house. If you could change one thing about your current home, what would it be?
- 2) This week we talked about grace and mercy. How has your understanding of grace and mercy change over the years? Was there a circumstance God used to help you better understand (like a relationship, or becoming a parent, etc?)

QUICK REVIEW

- 3) In your own words, what happened in 2 Samuel 4-5:16?
- 4) What stood out to you from this Sunday's message? (Favorite point, favorite verse, questions, etc)

DIGGING DEEPER

5) What stands out to you from the following passages?

John 5:39, 46-47 - "[39] "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. ... [46] "For if you believed Moses, you

would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. [47] "But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"

2 Timothy 3:16-17 - "[16] All Scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, [17] that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

As we learn about David in the Old Testament, we seek to find pictures, reminders, and truths about Jesus. Why do you think it's important to find Jesus in these Old Testament stories?

Why do you think it's important to study all of God's Word? Can you think of some Old Testament passages that have helped you know or follow God better?

6) What stands out to you from the following passage?

1 Kings 3:1-5 - "[1] Now Solomon made a treaty with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and married Pharaoh's daughter; then he brought her to the City of David until he had finished building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall all around Jerusalem. [2] Meanwhile the people sacrificed at the high places, because there was no house built for the name of the LORD until those days. [3] And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David, except that he sacrificed and burned incense at the high places. [4] Now the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that [was] the great high place: Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. [5] At Gibeon the

LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

Background: A "high place" was a hill where people worshipped false gods. The Israelites here were using these locations to worship the one, true God (instead of at the tabernacle in Jerusalem). Right after this passage, God grants Solomon incredible wisdom, wealth, and peace.

What are some things that Solomon did wrong?

What are some things that Solomon did right?

What does this passage teach us about God?

7) What does the following passage mean to you?

Romans 6:1-2, 6-7 NLT - "[1] Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? [2] Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? ... [6] We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. [7] For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin."

In what ways might we *misunderstand* God's mercy and grace towards others?

In what ways might we *misunderstand* God's mercy and grace for ourselves?