

## THE ORANGE CONNECTION



FALL 2017 SERMON SERIES

**11.26.17**

### **Pastor Steve and Pastor Walter - Christ Alone**

Join us Wednesday night 11.29.17 for dinner from 5:15 to 6:00 and sermon based small groups from 6:15-7:30.

We are commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. This week the focus is on Sola Christus: Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King.

1.) Name a few “world rulers” or “kings.” What about them would cause you to say that they are good or bad?

2.) Who has been a “ruler” or authority figure in your own life? (Perhaps a parent, teacher, coach, boss, etc.) What did that person do that made you “lean into” their authority (or “live under” their authority?)

### **Read Ephesians 1:15-23**

3.) Name some of the ways that Paul (the author of Ephesians) describes Jesus as King.

4.) What is the “glorious inheritance” that the saints receive?

**Read Matthew 25:31-46**

5.) It seems that Matthew 25 is a “sorting” story. In what ways do we human beings choose to sort people out? In what ways does the “Son of Man” sort people?

6.) Why does Christ the King talk about the “least”? How would a person know if she or he were living under the reign of Christ?

7.) Note how the categories in Matthew 25 (hungry, thirsty, naked, etc.) are consistent throughout the biblical narrative. Look at Isaiah 58 (vs. 6-12), Ezekiel 18 (vs 7), Job 32 (vs 16-32), for example. What do you make of the consistency of these categories?

**Application**

8.) Who or what most competes with Jesus alone as Lord, Savior and King?

9.) Where have you seen Christ as King this past week? How might you seek to honor him today? What could you do this week?