

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
The God who reigns

Note – This study is adapted and expanded from ‘The God who is there – Leaders Guide’ by D.A. Carson. His book ‘The God who is there’ may be profitably read as a companion to this sermon series.

1. What are the similarities and differences between kingship in the Biblical world and Kingship today?
2. Read Daniel 4:34-37. In the Old Testament, God is sometimes depicted as king over everything and everyone in the universe, and sometimes as king over Israel. Explain.
3. During his ministry, Jesus repeatedly announces the dawning of the kingdom. When does Jesus kingdom come?
4. What is the last enemy Jesus must overcome? How is that relevant to you?
5. Explain Oscar cullmann’s analogy about D-Day and VE-day?
6. Are you in the kingdom?

Reflecting on the Kingdom

7. Why do you think it is so important to the New Testament writers to communicate that Jesus is the fulfillment of Old Testament promises? (To Abraham – Gen 12; to David – 2 Samuel 7; To Isaiah – Isaiah 9; etc)? How does this help you in your walk with God?
8. How can remembering the ‘both-and’ nature of the kingdom (both all creation and Christ followers) help us in thinking about other religions? Social issues? How does it preserve us from just thinking of ourselves as another club?
9. Which aspect of the Kingdom do you tend to emphasise in your daily life – the now of the Kingdom or the Not Yet? Discuss how having this perspective helps us understand our experience of sickness, death, sinfulness, faith, hope, joy etc.