

# HANDOUTS: Week Five

## The Call of Christ the King



It's good to reflect upon what it means that Jesus Christ is our king as we make this declaration for ourselves. As human beings, we have been made by God and exist for God. As such, we are hard-wired to worship God and follow His promptings. We have a fundamental need to offer devotion and reverence to the living God. God is our everything, and if this is not acknowledged, we can end up living fragmented lives, with no lasting foundation and no source of enduring joy.

As Pope Francis teaches us:

“It would mean very little if we believed Jesus was King of the universe, but we did not make him Lord of our lives: our desire is to personally accept Jesus and his way of being king. Jesus calls us and asks us to follow him. He is our king who, with his word, his example, and his life, sacrificed on the cross and saved us from death. He indicates the path to those who are lost and gives new light to our existence marred by doubt, by fear, and by everyday trials.”

Our life truly begins, and finds its deepest meaning, in our love of God. We are called and invited to make the living God first in our lives. If we want to live abundantly, we must turn to God and love him with all our hearts. We do this by following Jesus, by offering ourselves to Him and by discerning the ways in which God is personally calling us.

God is our eternal Creator, who cares for us by his divine Providence, and we offer him our reverence, love, and gratitude. God's goodness should humble us to declare him uppermost in our lives. If we want to live a full life, satisfied with peace in our hearts, then we must follow Jesus, accept His call and emulate Him in our life choices and decisions.

In binding ourselves to God, we recognize that our lives are not our own. We do not live only for ourselves. We renew our commitment to Jesus Christ and declare Him the leader of our hearts and homes. We allow this dedication to enable us to emulate His goodness and kindness and to turn our lives over to Him.