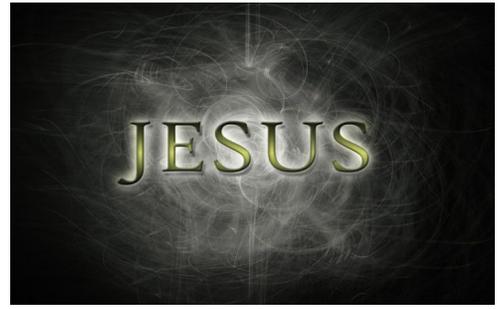


# Royal Redeemer

## CGS Community Discussion Guide



Based on the sermon for January 5-6, 2019:  
*Jesus: For the World*

**(For use as an opening Devotion, use only the highlighted portion)**

- **Begin by sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **Connect**

- What is one thing you are looking forward to in 2019?

- **Grow**

(read this passage aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)

*3 [John the Baptist] went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 7 John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8 Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.*

**Luke 3:3, 7-8**

- In the days of John the Baptist, how did forgiveness of sins normally happen for Jewish people? Why do you think so many people (crowds) were flocking to John?
- What "fruit" were the people of John's day not producing? Is the same fruit expected of Christ-followers today?
- Many Jewish people of John's day believed they were good with God because of their Jewish lineage. How do you think Christians might do the same today?

*17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known. **John 1:17-18***

- How would you describe the difference between what Jesus brought and what Moses brought? What does that mean for us as followers of Jesus?
- Discuss: *A grace-starved, truth-starved world needs Jesus, full of grace and truth.*

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- **Serve**

- Who in your life has little grace with him or herself? Write them a note of encouragement this week.

- **End with Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**