Mount Olive Life Guide
Christ the King Sunday
November 23-25, 2024

John 18:33-37: Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" [34] "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" [35] "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?" [36] Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place." [37] "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

1. Looking back in history (before 2010) who are your top three favorite U.S. presidents? What characteristics do/did they possess that you find admirable?

2. Why can "patience" be a valuable virtue for any leader?

3. What is the first example of God's patience in the Bible?

4. List 3 other examples of God's patience in the Old Testament:

5. List 3 examples of Jesus' patience found in the Gospels:

6. What comfort can we find today in these historical examples of Jesus' patience?

7. When Jesus didn't meet their expectations, the Jewish leaders used false accusations to put Jesus on trial. What are examples of when we do the same thing?

8. Jesus said, "I came into the world to testify to the truth." What makes the concept of "truth" difficult for people to understand today?

9. Jesus said, "I came into the world to testify to the truth." Jesus **is** the Word, and all of his Word is truth. None of it is negotiable. What are two of the most important truths found in his Word?

10. When having a conversation with someone who struggles with the truths of God's Word (evolution vs. creation, pro-life, sexual orientation, gender issues, etc.), why is it important to remember those two most important truths?