

# Follow the King

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

## Sermon Questions

Date: *December 11, 2022* | Scripture: *Isaiah 9:6 (Everlasting Father)*

1. Which image stuck with you most clearly from the sermon?
2. What are good examples of fatherhood you've seen or experienced? What are poor examples?
3. Our idolatrous hearts are inclined to look to different people, positions, or possessions as our source of everlasting protection. What have those people and things been for you? How have you been disappointed by something your heart had hoped to be everlasting?
4. What does it mean for Jesus to be our father?
5. How does the Christmas story subvert our expectations for how the savior would be an everlasting father?
6. How does the rest of the gospel—Jesus' ministry, death, resurrection, ascension, and coming return—fulfill the expectations for Jesus to be an everlasting father?

### *Inward Grace in Action*

Jesus is not just a vague father figure in the clouds. He is, as Hebrews 1:3 says, "the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power." When we see Christ in the gospels, we see exactly what God is like.

Even more than that, it is through the work of Jesus that God adopts us as his own children. First John 3:1 reads "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are!"

- How often do you think of God as your father?
- What difference does it make that we as Christians truly are a family?

**Action:** Touch base with the members of your Community Group on who you've reached out to this week and invited to celebrate the Christmas season with you! Has it been hard inviting friends and family to church? Who's been receptive? Discuss how you might follow up!

### WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

*Reflect* on these Scriptures:

- Exodus 4:18-23
- Psalm 90
- Isaiah 44:6-8
- John 10:10, 22-30
- Romans 8:12-25
- Revelation 21:5-7

*Serve:* there are lots of opportunities to serve in our church family. [Click Here](#) to serve as a volunteer.

*Pray* for our church as we anticipate receiving nearly 20% of our annual budget in the next five weeks, that we might be driven by love and motivated to generosity.

*Reach out* if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at [deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org](mailto:deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org)