

Small Group Questions

Kicking Things Off

1. Write down the pros and cons of each form of government listed below.

Monarchy:

Oligarchy:

Theocracy:

Democracy:

2. Which, if any, of the above describes the way OCF is governed? Be prepared to discuss your answer.

Getting Into It

3. Read Deuteronomy 17:14-20 and list the “dos and don’ts” for Israel’s king.

4. Read 1 Kings 11:1-8. In light of the requirements listed in Deuteronomy 17, where did Solomon fall short?
5. Read 2 Chronicles 34. How did Josiah measure up to the requirements listed in Deuteronomy 17? Be specific.
6. According to Deuteronomy 18:5, “The LORD your God has chosen [the Levitical priests]...to stand and minister in the LORD’s name always.” According to Hebrews 8-9 how does Jesus minister as our priest?
7. Read Deuteronomy 18:15-22 and answer the following questions.
What was the role of the prophet?
What was the test to prove whether or not a prophet was of God?
What was the penalty for false prophets?

Prophets, Priests, and Kings

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8. Read Hebrews 1:1-4. According to these verses, how is Jesus similar to and different from the Old Testament prophets?

9. What difference does it make in our everyday life that Jesus is:

Our King

Our Priest

Our Prophet

Group Prayer Requests

Kings

When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the priests, who are Levites. It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the LORD his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees and not consider himself better than his brothers and turn from the law to the right or to the left. Then he and his descendants will reign a long time over his kingdom in Israel. (17:18-20)

Priests

This is the share due the priests from the people who sacrifice a bull or a sheep: the shoulder, the jowls and the inner parts. You are to give them the firstfruits of your grain, new wine and oil, and the first wool from the shearing of your sheep, for the LORD your God has chosen them and their descendants out of all your tribes to stand and minister in the LORD's name always. (18:3-5)

Prophets

You may say to yourselves, "How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the LORD?" If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the LORD does not take place or come true, that is a message the LORD has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously. Do not be afraid of him. (18:21-22)