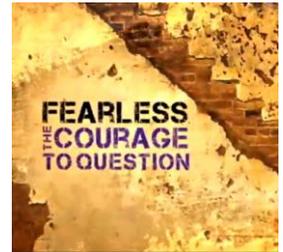


Royal Redeemer

CGS Community Discussion Guide

Based on the Sermon Series: Fearless
And the sermon for April 8 & 9, 2017: Perseverance



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

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

- **Connect**

- Where in your life are you challenged to persevere (to “keep on keepin’ on”)? And how is that going for you?

- **Grow** (read these passages aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)

¹¹ Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” “You have said so,” Jesus replied. ¹² When He was accused by the chief priests and the elders, He gave no answer. ¹³ Then Pilate asked Him, “Don’t you hear the testimony they are bringing against You?” ¹⁴ But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor. Matthew 27:11-14 (NIV)

²³ When they hurled their insults at Him, He did not retaliate; when He suffered, He made no threats. Instead, He entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly. 1 Peter 2: 23 (NIV)

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Phil 2: 5-8 (ESV)

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- How did Jesus persevere in the face of extreme suffering?
- What does it mean to have the mind of Christ Jesus?
- How does knowing this help you to persevere (keep on keepin’ on) in that area of your life that is extremely difficult, and you sense may not get any better?
- How might God use you to help a fellow Christian persevere?
- When you fail to persevere, what follows? What is God’s invitation?

- **Serve**

- God works through community. Who in your life might serve to help you persevere? And who might you help to persevere?

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