

**TALKING POINT #29**  
**SHARING OUR FAITH #1: GOD IS KING!**

**A NEW SERIES BUT AN OLD MESSAGE**

This month, we begin a new series about “Sharing our Faith.” It’s not going to be so much a series on *how* to share the faith so much as defining those key elements of what we believe that we need to get across to others. Many Christians feel ill-equipped to share their faith, not because they don’t want to or because they don’t know how, but because they don’t know what to bring into the conversation and what to leave out. Hence, this new series! Each month, the paper will be no longer that 1 page so that each element is easy to remember.

The first topic is “God is King!” Fundamental to any teaching about the Bible, Jesus, Sin, Salvation, Eternity, etc, is the simple proposition that God is King. He is the Creator, the Lord, the One to whom we will all give account, the Righteous Judge of All the Earth, the Sustainer, etc. And that all leads to one conclusion – we are all under His Sovereign Lordship and are ultimately accountable to Him.

**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?**

The Lordship of God underpins the whole Bible, from His creative work in Genesis (Genesis 1:1), through to His ultimate restoration of all things in Revelation (Revelation 21:1-8), and yet one would be wrong to think that His Lordship is only assumed. The Bible does more than just assume God’s sovereign reign; it explicitly proclaims it. Here is a sample of some passages:

- Deuteronomy 6:4 – “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”
- Habakkuk 2:20 – “The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him.”
- Revelation 4:11 – “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”

As such, the Bible tells us that we are accountable to Him as King and that He deserves our unconditional allegiance and obedience. Hence, Paul says, “what may be known about God is plain to them [humanity], because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.” (Romans 1:19-20)

**NOW FOR US AT FOREST LAKE**

This has a profound and underpinning impact on everything we do at FLBC. If God is Lord and rightly sovereign over everything, then we honour that by how we live. If He is the Great King of all the Earth, then His is King of our Church.

Further, if God is King of our Church, then we proclaim His Lordship to the World. We tell others that He is Lord and we declare His standard to the World. If we believe that *Every Person is Important to God* and that He is Lord, then we reflect that in how we live – we show that leaders are ultimately accountable to Him, that we should live on His terms, that we love people as He loves them.

**CONCLUSION**

This is the starting point for a journey with God: to acknowledge in our lives that God is Lord.

Our next Paper will continue our “Sharing our Faith” series - “Sin: Rejecting God as King.”