GOSPEL THEMES FOR NEXT WEEK

IN PREPARATION FOR NOVEMBER 22, 2026:
SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Theme: Seeing Jesus in the least.

"Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."
—Matthew 25:31–46 (Verse 40)

ADULTS

1. If Jesus Himself were standing in front of you asking for food, clothing, companionship, or help, how would you respond? Do you respond differently when He comes to you through another person?
2. Who is the "least" person in your daily life—not necessarily the poorest, but perhaps the loneliest, most forgotten, or most difficult—and what might Jesus be asking you to do for them?
3. If we believe that every person we encounter is an opportunity to encounter Christ, how does that change how we treat people each day?

Obstacles to living out the Gospel: Failing to recognize Jesus in the people who need us.

TEENS

1. Jesus identifies Himself with people who are hungry, strangers, sick, or imprisoned. What does this reveal about the kind of King He is? How does His idea of greatness challenge ours? Both groups are surprised that they encountered Jesus. How might you overlook Him in the people you see every day? Who is especially easy to overlook at school or in your community?
2. How do someone's reputation, past choices, or differences from you affect your willingness to care about them? Does this Gospel challenge any conditions you place on kindness?
3. You cannot meet every need, but you can respond to someone. What need is within your reach this week, and what specific action could you take to meet it?

Obstacles to living out the Gospel: When we assume "someone else will help" a person who is left out, hurting, or struggling, especially when stepping in feels uncomfortable or interrupts our plans.

KIDS

1. Would your friends know that Jesus is the king of your life? Why or why not?
2. Jesus showed us how to serve and help one another. When have you helped someone? What are some ways you can be helpful? How does it feel to serve and/or be helpful?
3. Have there been times that you had the opportunity to help someone but chose not to? How did that make you feel? How can you choose differently next time?
4. Who are the least amongst us? What makes them least? How can we change that perception and give them a hand up? How can you show them kindness?

Obstacles to living out the Gospel: Not seeing Jesus in others. Not valuing all people the way God does. Not wanting to give a helping hand if it isn't convenient or we do not know the person. Not realizing that we are called to build the Kingdom of God here on earth.