

Don't dominate! Don't withdraw! Instead, help each other and yourselves.

~15 minutes: Gloss with theological commentary a hymn sung in Christian worship.

Interpret, appreciate, and/or critique with theological analysis the hymn on the opposite side of this page. Move through the stanzas pretty quickly, focusing on the most promising ones. Draw on course materials as applicable to make your points. Don't worry about covering the whole hymn in time.

Look for any of the following and more:

- Prominence of central themes in our course.
- Connections with particular themes or insights from lectures and readings.
- Particularly insightful, striking, or beautiful uses of doctrinal themes or theological uses of Scripture.

~10 minutes: Analyze a scripture passage theologically.

Develop together a theological analysis of Colossians 1:11-23. Go through these verses (though you don't have time to comment on *each* verse), drawing out their connections with major themes from *lectures and readings*.

Your goal here will be to use the course material to articulate a clearer understanding of what the passages mean, without either leaving major connections undeveloped or reading things into the text artificially or incorrectly.

Look for any of the following and more:

- Relevance of central themes in our course.
- Connections with particular themes or insights from lectures and readings.
- Where these passages reinforce material from our course, and where they at least seem to challenge it.

~15 minutes: Answer a seeker's question.

Imagine your group has a weekly Bible study. This week one of you has brought a friend, who has a distant and pretty nominally Christian background (so you don't have to explain *everything*) but is basically secular in outlook.

He or she (your choice) is a philosophy major. When one of you asks if your guest has any questions, here is the reply: "In philosophy we often ask 'What is the good life?' Every school of philosophy has a different answer. What is Christianity's answer?"

You stare down at your refreshments for a minute, then begin contributing elements to an answer, like dishes at a potluck. Do that now, *drawing principally and widely on lectures and readings* to 'flesh out' a robust theological account of the good life.

Afterwards (and/or after class): evaluate your performance. Look back through the lecture list and your readings' tables of contents. What were you able to use fruitfully, and more importantly, what was out of your reach? Where was your grasp detailed enough to make use of it, and where was it too vague? How do you need to focus your studying before the final? Have any advice for others in your group?

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Matthew Bridges (1851), Godfrey Thring

1 Crown him with many crowns,

The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Virgin's Son!

The God Incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now his brow adorn!
Fruit of the mystic Rose
As of that Rose the Stem:
The Root, whence mercy ever flows,
The Babe of Bethlehem!

3 Crown him the Lord of love!

Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright!

4 Crown him the Lord of peace!

Whose power a scepter sways,
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

5 Crown him the Lord of years!

The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime!
Glassed in a sea of light,
Where everlasting waves
Reflect his throne, the Infinite!
Who lives, and loves, and saves.

6 Crown him the Lord of heaven!

One with the Father known,
And the blest Spirit, through him given
From yonder triune throne!
All hail! Redeemer, Hail!
For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity!

7 Crown him with crowns of gold,

All nations great and small,
Crown him, ye martyred saints of old,
The Lamb once slain for all;
The Lamb once slain for them
Who bring their praises now,
As jewels for the diadem
That girds his sacred brow.

8 Crown him the Son of God

Before the worlds began,
And ye, who tread where He hath trod,
Crown him the Son of man;
Who every grief hath known
That wrings the human breast,
And takes and bears them for His own,
That all in him may rest.

9 Crown him the Lord of light,

Who o'er a darkened world
In robes of glory infinite
His fiery flag unfurled.
And bore it raised on high,
In heaven--in earth--beneath,
To all the sign of victory
O'er Satan, sin, and death.

10 Crown him the Lord of life

Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife
For those he came to save;
His glories now we sing
Who died, and rose on high.
Who died, eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

11 Crown him of lords the Lord,

Who over all doth reign
Who once on earth, the incarnate Word,
For ransomed sinners slain,
Now lives in realms of light,
Where saints with angels sing
Their songs before him day and night,
Their God, Redeemer, king.

12 Crown him the Lord of heaven,

Enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the king, to whom is given
The wondrous name of Love,
Crown him with many crowns,
As thrones before him fall.
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is King of all.