

The Gospel According to Psalms
Group Discussion Questions
Psalm 2

Opening Questions

1. How was your time in the Word this week? What is one highlight from this time?
2. What is one takeaway from our Easter week here at Lakewood (could be from sermon, Easter Week Bible Study, Easter Family Celebration, etc)?
3. How can we encourage you as a group this morning? How can we pray for you?

Discussion Questions

1. Who are the “nations” and “peoples” in v. 1? How does the psalmist David describe their intentions/actions toward the Lord?
2. What is the desire of the people and rulers who are against the Lord? *HINT: Ps. 2:3.*
3. Notice that in v. 2, David writes, “He who sits in the heavens laughs”. What does this verse tell you about God’s response to those who rebel against him?
4. How does God’s reign compare with earthly rulers and governments?
5. In this passage, the Lord is identified with the Anointed (v. 2), King (v. 6), and Son (v. 7). What is promised to him? Who is this referring to?
 - a. *READ: Heb. 1:5*
6. How does the psalmist call us to respond to the coming reign of God through his King?
7. What is the result of those who seek freedom from the rule of God? How does this text warn us today about our own pursuit of freedom?
8. How should we approach this King, according to v. 10-11?
9. How does Psalm 2 encourage us when we encounter or hear about opposition to the Lord and his people?
 - a. *READ: Acts 4:23-31. This is a direct quote of Ps. 2 in the face of opposition in the early church.*
10. What are your initial thoughts when you hear the word “trembling”?
 - a. *READ: Phil. 2:12-13*
11. What are your initial thoughts when you hear the word “refuge”? How can we seek refuge in the Lord during seasons of suffering?
12. What other observations do you have from Ps. 2?

Takeaways

1. *There is only one king that reigns over the nations.* While there are many authorities/rulers in the world, the Son is the true King over all other earthly

kingdoms and governments. There is no power that can overthrow the true King, and no leader that will not bow and answer to the Lord over heaven and earth.

2. *Rebelling against the reign of this king only leads to destruction, not freedom.* In our culture, freedom and individuality is often prized as one of the greatest virtues. However, freedom from God's reign only leads to slavery to sin and eternal destruction.
3. *The only response to this king is joyful surrender.* The only path to life is found by taking refuge in the Son (v. 12) and obeying him (v. 11). However, this response should be joyful, knowing that he is a righteous and faithful King over his people.

Ending Questions

1. What is one takeaway from our discussion that has impacted you the most?
2. What is one measurable step of obedience that you want to take from our discussion this morning?