

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Psalms Series

These questions are for the **September 12, 2021** sermon, "Lord of the Nations." Please read the sermon passage (Psalm 2) together out loud.

Sermon Outline

BECAUSE GOD HAS SET HIS MESSIAH IN PLACE . . .

1. Rebellion against his authority is futile. (1-3)
 - a. Believers grow in confidence in the Lord, asking, "Why do the nations rage" against him?
 - i. Believers understand what's happening in the world and remain informed.
 - ii. All the efforts of the nations are insignificant. (Isaiah 40: 12-14, 15, 17)
 - b. Rebels agree together: reject the Lord and reject His anointed one.
2. All the nations belong to Him. (4-9)
 - a. God is seated (full and complete authority) and is amused at the absurdity of those who think they will either make progress in rebellion or set up their own kingdom.
 - b. He holds the rebel in contempt and reminds them of his decree.
 - i. David is his immediate "son," ruling over Israel (2 Sam 7:8, 12-13, 14a)
 - ii. Jesus is the ultimate Son. The resurrection is the final proof (Acts 13:32-33)
 - iii. His future reign will be certain and completely unopposed (Revelation 19:15)
3. He graciously calls rebels to surrender (10-12)
 - a. Pleased with His Son, he directs him to "Ask for the nations."
 - i. Psalm 2 is a Messianic and a missionary psalm, calling people to trust the Son.
 - ii. God's plan: establish a king in Israel through which all nations are blessed.
 - iii. You and I should make the appeal to the nations and ask God to draw them.
 - b. While future judgment is described, immediate repentance is called for.
 - i. Imperatives: Be wise, Serve the Lord, Rejoice and Kiss the Son. (Repent!)
 - ii. Kiss the Son indicates complete surrender and pledging permanent allegiance.
 - c. Blessed (happy) are those who take refuge (run to) the Son.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: All the plotting and rebellion in the world do not impact God's ability to accomplish his decree. "Why would anyone ever want to rebel against God's authority?" Do your words, attitude, anxiety and focus bear out that you believe that God has got this world exactly where he wants it?
2. Based on #2, above: In what way is God using you today to appeal to the nations? Who is on your heart or in your relational path?
3. Based on #2, above: A key imperative of this psalm is that the Son asks for the nations. Are you faithfully praying for the salvation of the nations? Your neighbors? Your children/grandchildren? How can you improve your commitment to prayer for the nations?
4. Based on #3, above: This psalm ends, not with the certain judgment of those who will not repent, but with an appeal that they turn to the Messiah before it's too late. Our appeal needs to be honest, but very gracious and loving, even to hardened rebels. How are you doing at that?