



Sermon Discussion Guide

Psalms: Songs of the Soul

Psalm 2:1-12

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Read the Scripture printed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

1. Have you ever thought about having a king, or being under the rule of a King? What are the pro's and con's of kings versus democracies?
2. What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

GOD'S ENEMIES (vv. 1-3)

1. In v. 3, the vassal kings are depicted as plotting to get out from underneath the rule of the King of Israel. Can you point to a time in your life when you want to get free from God's rule in your life? Explain.

GOD'S PERSPECTIVE (vv. 4-6)

1. In v. 6, God explains that it was He who put the king on his throne, therefore, to reject the king is to reject God. Ronnie suggested that our culture's desire for spirituality without religion is one modern manifestation of this. Do you agree? What has been your experience?

GOD'S PROMISE (vv. 7-9)

1. In v. 8, God gives his king the nations as an inheritance. But in v. 9, it seems that his rule is extreme. Ronnie cited two ways that helps make sense of the seemingly harsh language. Can you name them?

GOD'S INVITATION (vv. 10-12)

1. Ronnie reminded us that Psalm 2 was a song sung by the people of Israel during a coronation ceremony for a new king. He likened it to marching "jodies" that help us get "in step with one another" and to "give ourselves to the ideal king." What is the feeling you get when you think of Jesus? Are you prone to give yourself to him? Or, do you feel like his yoke is heavy—that he is the reason that Christians can't have fun? Explain.

Step 3: Final Reflections

1. Jesus came to give life, and give it abundantly. Ronnie contrasted negative freedom versus positive freedom. What is the difference? How might positive freedom bring a deeper sense of joy in the yoke of Christ?
2. In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?