

PSALMS

songs for all of life

DISCUSSION GUIDE

DECLARING DEPENDENCE ON THE KING: PSALM 2

Read the Text

Psalm 2

- ¹ Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
- ² The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,
- ³ “Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us.”
- ⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
- ⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
- ⁶ “As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”
- ⁷ I will tell of the decree:
The Lord said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.
- ⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
- ⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”
- ¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

¹² Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Main Point

Starting from the fall in the garden, humanity has consistently chosen to respond to God's good provision and purpose with rejection and rage instead of worship. We wrongly believe that our plan is better and that we need to take matters into our own hands. ***The reason for our rebellion is a wrong understanding of who God is and what His rule looks like in our lives and in our world.*** Sin twists our view of God's character and leads us to believe the lie that being under His rule is restrictive and puts us in bondage.

So what is the truth? Try as we might to control our own lives, God has a plan and He will be victorious. ***Jesus is God and King. This truth will either stir up rejoicing and worship or rejection and opposition.*** And as believers, we can rest in knowing that Jesus is a strong King, and the rod of iron is His to correct, to discipline, to defend, and to defeat. Jesus reigns.

What should our response to Jesus' kingship be? The Psalmist's answer to this question is wisdom. We should be wise to consider who we are in relationship to God. When we walk in wisdom, we will be humbled and repentant, and our actions will no longer be directed to serve our own desires, but rather His. ***We have refuge and new life with our great God and King.***

Reflect Together

1. *Who is God?* What is the character and nature of God? What words describe Him, and what are the meaning of those words?

2. ***What has He done?***: How have you experienced these characteristics of God in your life? Where has He shown His kingship and protection over you? How has He been your refuge?
3. ***Who are you?***: When do you sometimes resist God's authority and try to seek your plan over His?
4. ***What are you to do?***: How do you want to grow in submitting to God and taking refuge in Him? How can your community support you in this?

Abide Together

Read the Psalm together and then pray over it as a group. Ask Jesus to let these truths permeate into your life and heart.