

## **SERMON OUTLINE**

In Psalm 2 we are shown 4 truths concerning the reign of the LORD's Anointed.

- I. The nations rage and plot against the LORD and His Anointed (vs. 1-3).
- II. The LORD laughs because He has appointed His Anointed as King (vs. 4-6).
- III. The LORD's power reigns through His Anointed (vs. 7-9).
- IV. The kings of the earth are warned to be wise.
  - A. Serve & rejoice the in the LORD (v. 10-11).
  - B. Pay homage to His Son in order to avoid destruction (v. 12a-c).
  - C. Take refuge in the LORD in order to be blessed (v. 12c).

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

**In preparation for Sunday, August 28, 2016**

**Passages: Psalm 2:1-12**

Memory Passage: Psalm 2:10-12

### **DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Psalm 2.** Why does David (see Acts 4:25) begin this Psalm with “Why” (i.e. why does he ask “why”)?
- (b) In the Psalm’s original context, who are the “nations” and “people” and what are they doing?
- (c) Concerning the kings and rulers in v. 2: why have they gathered, to what and whom are they responding, & what are they trying to do?
- (d) What comparisons do you see between Psalm 1:1-2 & Psalm 2:1-2 (note: “meditate” in 1:2 and “plot” in 2:1 are the same Hebrew word)?

### **DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Psalm 2.** Why does God “laugh” and “hold them in derision?” Is this the reaction you expected the LORD to have?
- (b) What brings about the LORD’s “wrath” and “fury?” How are these reactions tied to His “laughing” and “derision?”
- (c) In the Psalm’s original context, who is the LORD’s king (v. 6)? What does the fact the king is both “the LORD’s” and “set” by Him in Zion mean for God’s people? For the rebellious kings and peoples?
- (d) What do you learn about God in vs. 1-6?

### **DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Psalm 2.** Who is speaking beginning in v. 7?
- (b) Explain the decree (vs. 7-9) King David will “tell” and how this will affect the rebellious kings, rulers, and people.
- (c) What do you learn about the character of the LORD and the role and power of His king from vs. 7-9?
- (d) What should be the “wise” response of the rebellious king?
- (e) Psalm 1:1 & 2:12 form bookends for these 2 introductory Psalms and tie them together. Compare & contrast the “blessed” ones in Psalm 2 with the “blessed” ones in Psalm 1.

### **DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Psalm 2, 2 Sam. 7:5-17, & Acts 4:19-31.** How are 2 Sam. 7 & Psalm 2 connected? In what ways might this connection bring comfort to God’s people in and after their exile when there is no king in Jerusalem?
- (b) How did the NT church apply Psalm 2? Who were the nations, kings, rulers, people, and Anointed One in Acts 4?
- (c) How did Psalm 2 affect the Christians in Jerusalem in Acts 4?
- (d) In what ways should you apply Psalm 2 as you endeavor to live in obedience to God and advance His kingdom today?

**DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT****READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read Psalm 2.** In what ways are you tempted to “rage” against God, or plot your own will in the face of His?

(b) The kings and rulers in Psalm 2 recognized the LORD’s rule & authority, and yet they saw them as bonds and cords that bound them. In what ways are you tempted to see God’s loving rule in your life as a prison from which you seek freedom?

(c) Review your answers to (a) & (b) and write down specific ways in which you will “serve” and “rejoice” in the LORD’s benevolent rule for your life, and ways in which you will “kiss the Son” (i.e. pay homage, worship, and submit to Him) in order to avoid God’s anger & wrath (if you are lost) or God’s discipline (if you are saved).

(d) In what ways do these actions reflect the obedience (Psalm 1:1-2), fruitfulness (Psalm 1:3), and wisdom (Psalm 2:10) of the blessed one (Psalm 1:1, 6a, 2:12d)?

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**PASSAGES: Psalm 2**

*The LORD’s Anointed*