

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Missions

These questions are for the **March 6, 2016** sermon, "Praising God for His Missional Plan and His Reign over Israel and the Nations." Please read the sermon passage (Psalm 96) together out loud.

Sermon Outline:

1. **Declare God's glory among the nations** (1-3)
2. **Announce his transcendent glory above all competitors** (4-6)
3. **Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness** (7-9)
4. **Announce to the nations that "Yahweh reigns"** (10-11)
5. **Join all in creation in joyfully awaiting Christ's return** (12-13)

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: God has always been a missionary God. From the very beginning he intended to make Israel a blessing to all nations. The idea of "missions" is not a New Testament concept, or a church concept. In what way do you participate in declaring God's glory among the nations?
2. Based on #2, above: Every false god is "a lot of nothing." Are you able to believe this? Have you had a conversation with someone who worships a false god? How were you able to announce God's glory (the gravity of who he is) in that conversation?
3. Based on #3, above: We should "give God the glory due His name." How do you do that?
4. If "the Lord reigns," then he reigns over your heart. How do you submit yourself to his authority?
5. All creation is joyfully waiting for Christ's Second Coming. How do live your life in such a way that you are actually anticipating and joyfully anticipating Christ's return? Are you able to put aside any fear you have about the unknown and danger of the last days? Why, or why not?