

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Psalms Series

These questions are for the **September 25, 2022**, sermon, "The kneeling posture." Please read the sermon passage (Psalm 95) together out loud.

Passage Outline

OUR SOVEREIGN LORD INVITES US . . .

1. To come and sing praises to him. (1-5)
 - a. Our Lord has no equal, no rival and we must be careful to appeal to no substitute.
 - i. We sing to this faithful loving Lord, who we know personally.
 - ii. He has revealed himself to us as the Covenant-keeper, lover of our souls.
 - b. We sing because he is
 - i. Our Rock, never moving.
 - ii. Great, above all other gods. This is a key phrase in this psalm.
 - iii. We constantly look to and stand in awe at God's wonderful works. (4-5)
2. To come and offer worship to him. (6-11)
 - a. Worship means that we "ascribe worth to" God in every area of our lives.
 - b. In the presence of our great God, we get and remain very low.
 - c. Warning: if you hear him, do not harden your heart. Listen very closely and submit.
 - d. Warning: do not wait for ideal circumstances before you come. Come now.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: We are invited by the Lord to come and sing. One of the quotes from the message was that "A king's invitation is not to be answered, but to be obeyed." Describe your response to this invitation. What role does singing have in your worship of the Lord? What role does singing have in less-than-ideal circumstances?
2. Based on #1, above: A key phrase in this psalm is that the Lord is "King above all gods." What gods compete for highest position in your life / worship? Be honest. How are you learning that God is above them all?
3. Based on #2, above: Singing is a narrow category under the broad category of "worship." All of life can (and should) be worship. In worship we ascribe worth to God with all of our thoughts, all of our actions, all of our words. How can my WORK be done as worship? But how can my work become a competing god? How can my service to me spouse be done as worship? But how could it become a competing God?
4. Based on #2, above: There's a temporal rest and then an eternal rest. Those who hear this psalm, and God's voice, but harden their hearts (refuse to submit to his voice) will not enter his rest. Apply this to your own heart today. What is it that you hear him saying to you? What does submission look like? What does a hard heart look like?