

## LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

## *Psalms Series*

These questions are for the **October 2, 2022**, sermon, "Above all." Please read the sermon passage (Psalm 96) together out loud.

### Passage Outline

#### **AS WE WORSHIP OUR SOVEREIGN LORD, WHO IS OVER ALL, NOTE . . .**

1. The first stanza (1-3)
  - a. The LORD is our personal, covenant-keeping God.
  - b. Instructed to sing a "new song." Note the use of "new":
    - i. New mercies (Lamentations 3:22-23), New covenant (Jer 31)
    - ii. New creation (Is 65, 66), and New heavens (Rev 1, 2)
  - c. Let our worship develop our witness.
2. The second stanza (4-6)
  - a. The LORD is great and greatly to be praise.
  - b. He is "above all gods," a phrase used in Psalm 95, 96 & 97.
  - c. He made the world from nothing, and all the other gods are "nothing."
  - d. He is worthy of all our praise, but other gods are worthless.
3. The third stanza (7-9)
  - a. Let all the earth ascribe to him the heaviness (glory) due to him.
  - b. Let all the earth tremble in his presence.
4. The fourth stanza (10)—Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."
5. The fifth stanza (11-13)—He is more than significant. He is sovereign.

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: We are instructed to sing new songs. What new songs from the psalms do you sing to express praise and thankfulness? What new songs from the 1800 or 1900's do you sing to express praise and thankfulness? What new songs from the last 5 years do you sing to express praise and thankfulness? Why are "new songs" so important to God?
2. Based on #1, above: When we sing with joy, thankfulness and confidence, we encourage the saints and witness to the world. What does the world around us ('nations') learn when God's people sing to him with confidence and loyalty even when we suffer, get older, experience loss or even bury a loved one?
3. Based on #2, above: Many songs are written to lesser gods. Yet our LORD is all-powerful and worthy, and other gods are all "nothing" and "worthless." How does God's character fuel your worship? Do you believe that people "nations" who see your life would see growing confidence in him? Growing wonder at his grace? Growing loyalty to his ways? Growing love for him?
4. Based on #3, above: Sometimes great loss or sadness can make us tremble. After we gather ourselves, it is the presence of the LORD which most makes us tremble. (9) Discuss this.