

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Psalms Series

These questions are for the **October 9, 2022**, sermon, "Sing to the King." Please read the sermon passage (Psalm 98) together out loud.

Passage Outline

1. God's (maturing) people will sing new songs. (1-3)
 - a. Why "new"?
 - i. Because God continues to "do it again," rescuing his people again.
 - ii. Because we become new people as God moves in our hearts:
 1. Low: we are humbled before the LORD.
 2. Slow: we appreciate his grace and how much we need him.
 - iii. Because there are "new singers," who hear of the Lord and seek him.
 - b. The reason for new songs: God's marvelous ("too-good-to-be-true") deeds.
 - i. This includes personal and physical rescue: he delivers us from trouble.
 - ii. This includes ultimate rescue: Jesus Christ dies in our place and is raised to new life. All who trust him live. And sing to him.
2. Faithful singing invites the whole world to sing to the King. (4-6)
 - a. We are called to confidently, joyfully and consistently sing praises to the LORD.
 - i. This requires lyres (guitars) and trumpets (brass). All the instrumentalists.
 - ii. We don't need to win all the arguments. Singing itself is part of our mission.
 - b. The LORD is King! Being a citizen of heaven is our highest identity and honor.
 - i. Compare 1 Chron 16:31; Exodus 15:18.
 - ii. Seek his Kingdom first (Matt 6:33) and he will supply all you need.
3. The global future of all songs. (7-9)
 - a. Creation joins in (see also, Roman 8:22-23)
 - b. Jesus reigns forever, judging the earth. All who belong to him rejoice!

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: This psalm directs us to sing new songs. What role do new songs have in your worship? When is the last time you actively searched out and embraced a new song?
2. Based on #2, above: Singing praise to the Lord with joy and maturity is at least a part of the mission that God has sent us to accomplish. How have you seen the faithful singing of praise to God reach "the nations" and even be used in the conversion of unbelievers to faith in Jesus Christ? (Often at funerals or when Christians have a "platform" in various places.) You might want to watch this video, sung to glorify God by a Christian who is now with the Lord on America's Got Talent: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CZJvBfoHDk0>.
3. Based on #3, above: Everyone who puts his or her trust in the Lord will be saved, or "judged guiltless because of Jesus." When Jesus arrives to judge the world he will set all things in order, and those who love him and are waiting (faithfully) for his return will be rescued. Does the certainty and equity of a certain judgment bring you joy? Is it something you sing about?