

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Psalms Series

These questions are for the **October 23, 2022**, sermon, "The LORD Reigns." Please read the sermon passage (Psalm 99) together out loud.

Passage Outline

AS WE WORSHIP OUR LORD WHO REIGNS OVER ALL, NOTE

1. The name describing our holy King. (1-3)
 - a. Holy, holy, holy is the LORD. Set apart. Distinctive and "other than." (3, 5, 9)
 - b. The LORD 'reigns.'
 - i. We do not vote for God; we submit ourselves to him.
 - ii. Let the peoples (Jews and gentiles) tremble. He is great, exalted; Holy.
2. The justice loved by our holy King. (4-5)
 - a. Justice and grace must never be pitted against one another.
 - i. Jesus died on the cross, experiencing the weight of sin: God's justice.
 - ii. SO THAT God could righteously forgive repentant sinners who trust Jesus.
 - b. Holy is he. (5)
3. The prayers answered by our holy King. (6-9)
 - a. Moses experienced the great I AM at the burning bush on 'holy ground.'
 - b. Note the prayers of Moses, Samuel and David, calling to the LORD for forgiveness.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: God reigns over this earth. Over all people. At all times. We do not have to convince anybody of this, but first, we need to embrace our King. To submit to him. Regardless of others' responses, do you tremble in his presence? Tremble over his greatness? And your smallness? How does this fear change your priorities? In what way do you tremble at God above every situation / circumstance / other god?
2. Based on #2, above: God loves justice. Those outside Christ will experience the permanence and might of God's righteous judgment. Those inside Christ feel and treasure the mercy of God in Jesus Christ. How does justice underscore God's holiness? Does it make you tremble?
3. Based on #3, above: When we pray, we "call upon God's name." When we call to the LORD in humility and faith, he hears us and answers prayer. He forgives and avenges our sins. How is God answering your prayers? How has trembling in his presence transformed your praying?