

## LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

## *Psalms Series*

These questions are for the **February 5, 2023**, sermon, "The cosmic throne room." Please read the sermon passage (Psalm 110) together out loud.

### Passage Outline

#### **AS WE CONSIDER THE IRRECOVABLE PROMISES OF GOD, NOTE . . .**

1. Our Messianic King. (1-3)
  - a. Too many people treat Jesus as if he is an "honorary" king. He is King of kings.
  - b. The LORD (Yahweh) says to "my" (David's) Lord (Jesus Christ): "Sit at my right hand."
    - i. God's covenant with David (2 Sam 7) guarantees that his 'offspring' (son) will reign forever. Therefore David submits to his own offspring.
    - ii. Jesus quotes from this passage to prove his Kingship (Matt 22:41-46). Jesus is the Lord to whom David was already submitting.
  - c. While many enemies remain opposed to Yahweh, Jesus Christ conquers them all.
2. Our Messianic Priest. (4-7)
  - a. Zechariah prophesies that messiah will be both King and Priest. (Zechariah 6:9-14)
  - b. All other priests were temporary, but Jesus is "priest forever." (Hebrews 7:17)
  - c. He is of the order of Melchizedek.
    - i. The priesthood of Melchizedek (Gen 14) emphasizes a pre-law priesthood, with a mysterious beginning and an undefined ending.
    - ii. Jesus is eternal (has no beginning, no ending).
  - d. Priests represent (in Jesus' case, actually provides) access to God.

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: What are some of the characteristics of those who make Jesus "an honorary king?" When and how have you struggled with that?
2. Based on #1, above: What are some of the characteristics of a life fully submitted to Jesus as "King of kings"? In what way do you need to grow in your submission to the King of kings?
3. Based on #2, above: Jesus is both King and Priest forever. A priest gives/grants access to Yahweh. Because we know Jesus, we are guaranteed access to God forever. What practical steps can we take to savor and treasure this access more and more?
4. Based on #2, above: The fact that the Messiah is both King and Priest forever, and it was prophesied 1000 years prior to Jesus being born clearly identifies Jesus Christ as the Messiah. Jesus is the Son of David who sits on the throne forever. Because we have found him (he has found us), we must look no further. We must confidently identify him and proclaim him to all, even if they are slow to hear. Discuss this.