

STUDENT DISCUSSION NOTES

APRIL 12, 2020

Start by praying and asking for God's help as you seek to grow as authentic followers of Jesus.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

1. Read Psalm 2. Make 5-7 observations. Who is the Psalm about? What are the main points? What stands out to you most? What are you unsure about?
2. In Psalm 2, what stands out to you about the people who plot against God? What stands out to you about God?
3. Read Acts 4:23-29. How did the apostles apply Psalm 2 to Jesus? How many years had passed between the time when Psalm 2 was written and the time of Jesus?
4. Read Acts 13:32-39. What is the connection between David and Jesus? In what ways is Jesus greater than David? What does Paul say that Jesus provides to believers?
5. Read Revelation 19:11-16 which quotes Psalm 2 directly. What do we learn about Jesus from these verses?

LIVING IT OUT

6. Have you ever considered Jesus to be your king? Why or why not?
7. Pastor Jeff said that Easter gives us truth that goes beyond sentimental hope and emotional hype. What is one specific way that Jesus' Kingship is a source of hope and strength to you?
8. In Acts 4, we see the apostles praying both theologically and hopefully. Praying theologically means that the apostles understood who God was and they were not just praying to a god they made up in their mind. Praying hopefully means that they didn't just say words because they felt like they needed to but when they prayed they believed that God would answer. How can we pray in the same way?
9. Acts 13:38-39 says that Jesus provides both forgiveness of sin and new freedom which cannot be earned through morality or religion. Why should both *forgiveness* and *freedom* in Christ be important to our lives?
10. At the end of Psalm 2 there is both an invitation to serve and honor Christ and a warning for those who don't. Why is following Jesus or not following Jesus more important than anything else in life?
11. In Psalm 2, David got a glimpse of a future King who would be greater than any earthly king and would rule a Kingdom that would be greater than any earthly kingdom. When we read Psalm 2 we should look back at Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, but we should also look forward to when Jesus returns to finally and fully establish his Kingdom. How does Jesus' future return give you genuine hope in the present? What can you do to regularly remind yourself of Jesus' return?