

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 2:1-6, the first stanza describes nations, peoples, and rulers, while the second stanza describes the Lord. Compare and contrast the two stanzas.
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 the following New Testament verses which also quote Psalm 2 directly: Hebrews 1:1-5 and Revelation 19:11-16. What else 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? Do you feel positively or negatively about this image?
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. What do each of those mean? 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 moral or religious obedience found in the law of Moses. 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 also a warning for those who don't. Verse 12 says, "Blessed are all who take refuge in him." What do you think it means that "there is no *refuge* from him, only *in him*" (Kidner)?
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?