



Community Group Discussion Guide

Psalm 2 – Weekend of June 9, 2019

I. Starter Question:

Simple question: What is one thing that extremely bothers you that others might find insignificant?

Vulnerable question: Think of a time that you were in conflict with others, but were in the wrong. How well did you handle the situation? Did they have grace or lord it over you?

II. Discussion of Scripture:

Context: Last week we discussed Psalm 1: a Psalm of instruction concerning good and evil, setting before us life and death, the blessing and the curse, that we may take the right way which leads to happiness and avoid that which will certainly end in our misery and ruin. This week is focused on some of the same themes but looking at the examples of some of Israel's neighboring countries and the response of the Lord.

Psalm 2 (ESV)

Why do the nations rage^[a]
and the peoples plot in vain?

² The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed,
saying,

³ "Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us."

⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.

⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,

⁶ "As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill."

⁷ I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son,
today I have begotten you.

⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your
heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹ You shall break^[b] them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

¹² Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Brief Explanation: David, or his friend Nathan, probably wrote Psalm 2. This Psalm is overtly about the nation of Israel's interaction with other countries. In verses 1-3, the writer asks "Why are the countries attacking me?" Verses 4-6 are written in response stating that God is angry with the nations because he placed David as King Himself. The rest of the Psalm includes a promise of David's position toward God and an instruction to run to the Lord in times of need. The application of the Psalm is focused around our relationship with God and others.

For Discussion:

1. What does this psalm teach about God's sovereignty? Why does it matter that God is sovereign in today's age?
2. In verse 4, why does God "laugh" and "hold them in derision?" Is this the reaction you expected the LORD to have?
3. What brings about the LORD's "wrath" and "fury?" How are these reactions tied to His "laughing" and "derision?"
4. In the Psalm's original context, who is the LORD's king (v. 6)? What does the fact the king is both "the LORD's" and "set" by Him in Zion mean for God's people? For the rebellious kings and peoples?
5. Explain the decree (vs. 7-9) King David will "tell" and how this will affect the rebellious kings, rulers, and people.
6. What do you learn about the character of the LORD and the role and power of His king from vs. 7-9?
7. What should be the "wise" response of the rebellious king? Where else in scripture do we see examples of God's anointed being attacked?
8. Look at Psalm 1:1 & 2:12. Compare & contrast the "blessed" ones in Psalm 2 with the "blessed" ones in Psalm 1.
9. How did the NT church apply Psalm 2? Who were the nations, kings, rulers, people, and Anointed One in Acts 4?
10. How did Psalm 2 affect the Christians in Jerusalem in Acts 4?
11. Reread Psalm 2. How are you tempted to "rage" against God, or plot your own will in the face of His?
12. The kings and rulers in Psalm 2 recognized the LORD's rule & authority, and yet they saw them as restrictive. In what ways are you tempted to see God's rules as a prison?
13. What are some ways we can apply Psalm 2 this week as we endeavor to live in obedience to God and advance His kingdom?
14. Where do you see Jesus in Psalm 2? (vs 6, 7 and 12) How can that bring us to worship? How does this apply to the New Testament? (Matt 3:17, Acts 4:25-27, Acts 13:33, Hebrews 1:5 and 5:5)

III. Responding in Prayer:

1. Pray for people in your life that are angry at the Lord. Pray that God would set their eyes toward the Cross and fill them with the joy of salvation. Pray that they would run to the Lord in times of doubt or fear.
2. Pray for the global church that is being persecuted. Pray that the Lord would build up and encourage the burnt out, the overburdened, and the physically attacked. Pray that justice will be enacted on the aggressors.
3. Pray for your own relationship with the Lord. Repent of hard-heartedness and seek to humble yourself before God. Pray that you would rejoice with fear and trembling at God's work in your life.
4. Pray for your one. May the Lord continue to bring them in your path where you can tell your story and be the light of Christ in their darkened world.

Mission / Vision / Values of Henderson Hills Baptist Church

Our Mission:

Love God. Love People. Make Disciples.

Our Vision:

Our vision is to become a diverse family of surrendered and transformed people who passionately love God and others. We endeavor to be a body that is overcome by the reality that this life is not about us, but all about the glory of God. We want to be transfixed by the gospel of Jesus Christ and compelled by His heart for our world. We strive to be seed-throwers and fire-starters, hope-announcers and grace-givers, risk-takers and constant-reformers, lifelong-learners and sold-out doers. We desire to be a people who gladly give our lives to free the captive, strengthen the weak, embrace the outcast, and seek out the lost. Because Scripture is our authority, we strive to be a family that serves together, studies the Word together, plays together, worships together, and lives life together. By God's grace our world will be changed because we are here.

Our Values:

1. Glorifying God:

We value the passionate pursuit of knowing God and walking with Him.

2. Submitting to the Authority of Scripture:

We value the sufficiency of Scripture in every aspect of our lives.

3. Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ:

We value sharing the Gospel and making disciples.

4. Serving with a Kingdom Perspective:

We value living our lives focused upon what will matter most for eternity.

5. Cherishing the Local Church:

We value the essential role of the church in the sanctification of the believer and salvation of the nations.

6. Doing Life Together in a Christ-Centered Community:

We value that God uniquely uses personal relationships to sanctify and sharpen believers.