

## LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **November 30, 2014 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), "The Royal Christmas, Part 1." Please read the sermon passage (Psalm 2) together out loud.

### Sermon Outline:

GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY IS APPARENT IN . . .

1. **The international hostility directed against God** (1-3)
  - a. The nations rage against God because they want to rule their own lives.
  - b. Engage your skeptics with questions, such as, "Why do you think the nations rage?"
2. **The global authority possessed by him** (4-6)
  - a. God is seated. He is amused by the nations' resistance.
  - b. The nations cannot muster any resistance which changes God's rule or plans in any way.
3. **The royal dynasty established by him** (7-9)
  - a. Satan sought to tempt Jesus to bring his rule to the earth without a sacrificial cross.
  - b. But Jesus obeyed the will of God perfectly, and has become the redeemer for all who trust him.
4. **The political counsel given by him** (10-12)
  - a. The king (and nation) is warned to serve the Lord with gladness.
  - b. Judgment comes quickly on those who align with God's enemies.

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: We were taught to engage skeptics by asking questions such as, "Why do you think the nations rage against God?" Or "Why do you think you are facing the trouble you face?" Share about a recent conversation where you asked these types of questions.
2. Based on #1, above: Engaging people with questions and making our case for Jesus is one part of living a faithful Christian life. Another part is appealing to God in prayer because only he can convert a soul. How do you pray for friends who rage against God? Are you faithful in this area?
3. Based on #2, above: The world around us says, "everything changes" and "the center cannot hold." But we learned that everything holds together in Christ (Colossians 1:17). How does knowing Christ impact your thoughts and feelings about politics, global difficulties and "the news" in general? How does knowing Christ impact your thoughts and feelings about your health, job situation and finances?
4. Based on #3, above: Every plan of every nation is being used of God to march history toward his appointed conclusion which will usher in Christ's eternal reign. Discuss this quote, "Where there is sovereignty there is certainty. Where there is certainty there is security."
5. Based on #4, above: It's not popular for Christians to speak about certain victory and eternal destruction of all of God's enemies. Our hearts break for God's enemies. Discuss this.