

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **December 14, 2014 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), "The Royal Christmas, Part 3." Please read the sermon passage (Psalm 72) together out loud.

Sermon Outline:

JESUS' SECOND COMING IS JOY TO THE WORLD BECAUSE . . .

1. **His Judgments are Right** (1-7)
 - a. God's people will be eternally vindicated (1-3)
 - b. God's enemies will be crushed (4)
 - c. Where Jesus is, there is peace (5-7)
2. **He will reign over the whole world** (8-11)
 - a. He will reign over every nation and every king will willingly submit to his rule (Genesis 22:18)
 - b. There will exist no place on earth not under his rule.
3. **He rescues the poor and needy** (12-14)
 - a. God's kingdom is not about worldly "wealth" or "poverty."
 - b. God allows our poverty to press us to "call out" to him. And he will answer the cries of the needy.
4. **His reign will never end** (15-17)

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Since we know that we will be eternally vindicated as we trust God, we can contentedly endure a lifetime of injustice, uncertainty and waiting. How is that going for you?
2. Based on #1, above: We should rejoice that God's enemies will be crushed. Do you? What tension exists in you because of this truth? Can you train your heart to rejoice at this fact?
3. Based on #1, above: What areas in your life are not controlled by Jesus' reign of peace? Is Jesus there? How can you give him those areas and enjoy the peace that Jesus brings now? Are there any areas that you think are impossible for peace to come? Why or why not? (Remember, when there is no peace around you, there can still be peace within you because of Christ.)
4. Based on #2, above: It is certain that Jesus will reign over the whole world. How does this truth bring you motivation to share the gospel?
5. Based on #3, above: This world uses and abuses the poor and defenseless, yet God loves them and his King will rescue and save the poor who cry out to him. How can you get better at having compassion and love for the poor, the orphan or the defenseless? How can you get better at seeing yourself as "poor and needy"? How can you get better at crying out to God?
6. Based on #4, above: While Jesus' reign has already started, it has not yet fully come. In your thoughts and with your words do you spend more time complaining about the world as it is, or "invoking blessings on" (talking about) the reign of Jesus that will come in fullness? Why?