

## MEFC Community Group Study Questions

For the week of December 1st – 7th

### Getting Started

1. What's your experience with the Psalms? Do you have any ones in particular that have been precious to you over the course of your walk with the Lord? If so, which ones and why?

### Digging Deeper

2. The 2nd Psalm is one of the most quoted and alluded to psalms in the New Testament. Read carefully once through Psalm 2. Now, take a look at Luke 3:22; Acts 2:36; 4:25-28; Acts 13:33; Hebrews 1:5; and Revelation 2:26-27; 6:15-17; Revelation 11:15; and 19:15. How do you see the truths of Psalm 2 used repeatedly at key moments in the lives of Jesus and the apostles?

### Open Your Bible to Psalm 2...

3. Psalm 2, in some sense, functions (alongside Psalm 1) as an introduction to the entire Psalter. Scan across both Psalm 1 and 2 together. What themes do you notice as common to each? Do you see any repeated words? If so, which ones?

4. How does the author depict the activities and attitude of the nations (vv.1-3)? Compare these verses with what we read in Matthew 2:13-18. See any similarities? How about Revelation 12:1-6?

5. While Herod and Satan stand in obvious opposition “against the LORD and against his Anointed” (v.2), Psalm 2:1-3 appears to be laying down a rather general principle true of all nations indiscriminately. In what specific ways do you see our own nation reflected in these verses?

6. What's the first response of the LORD to the rebellion of the nations (v.4)? What sort of laughter is this? How do you know? Is this still true today?

Verse 5 changes the tone. What's his response here? Do you hear echoes of Psalm 2:5 in Romans 1:18? Explain.

7. The initial application of Psalm 2:6-9 is undoubtedly for the king of Israel (the Son of David - see 2 Samuel 7:5-16). Nevertheless, it's also clear that the meaning of these verses aren't exhausted by the ancient Hebrew monarchy. To whom does this decree ultimately point? How do the New Testament references in second question of our study guide help to bring this into sharper focus?

8. The final three verses in Psalm 2 form a surprisingly hopeful crescendo to a very sobering chapter of the Bible. What are the kings of the earth urged to do in vv.10-12 (there are five commands, can you spot them)? Is Christ your refuge (v.12)? How do vv.10-12 provide us with a litmus test that helps us determine if he indeed has become that for us?

**Sermon Notes for 12/1/19**  
**Psalm 2**  
**“My King”**

**This Advent, let’s not forget the reason for the season**

*\*Psalm 2 paints a stunning portrait of ...*

1. ...the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the world (vv.1-3)
  
2. ...the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God (vv.4-9)
  
3. ...our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ (vv.10-12)

**Next Week: Psalm 20 - “The Lord Saves His Anointed” - 2nd Week of Advent**