

Small Group Resource Guide for Psalm 72
Week of October 7, 2020

OPEN IN PRAYER

ICEBREAKER IDEA: Who is someone in your life who you consider a great leader? What is the one quality you admire the most about him/her?

VIDEO INTRO

GROUP TIME

- **Exploration:**

List characteristics, descriptions and images in Psalm 72 that describe the King and his reign.

- What is appealing about living in the Kingdom where this King reigns?

Have each group member take one of the following passages. After identifying characteristics of the leader in your passage, note the similarities between that leader, king, ruler and the King in Psalm 72. Share your observations with your group and jot down others' observations from their passages. (Idea taken from Psalms Volume 1: Songs Along the Way by Kathleen Buswell Nielson, p. 60-63).

Messianic Passage	Characteristics of the Leader, King, Ruler	Similarities to the King in Psalm 72
Isaiah 9:6-7		
Isaiah 11:1-5		
Isaiah 61:1-2; Luke 4:17-21		

Jeremiah 23:5-6		
Zechariah 9:9-10		
Revelation 11:15-18		

- What overall connection can we make between the King in Psalm 72 and the promised Messiah from these other messianic passages?

VIDEO WRAP UP

Personal Reflection: Write a psalm prayer based on what you have been considering and learning from Psalm 72. You may include prayer for our current leaders, the upcoming election, your own feelings about political/government officials and leaders, your longing for the reign of Israel's True King, etc.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

- **What about the King and his Kingdom described in Psalm 72 appeals to you? What aspects of his reign stand out to you today and why:**
 - **Justice and Righteousness**
 - **Prosperity, Abundance, Blessing**
 - **Long Lasting**
 - **Far Reaching**
- **In what ways do the people under his reign flourish? What would flourishing look like in our city? Our nation? Our world? What part can believers in Jesus play in helping others to flourish?**
- **How can the prayer for the King in Psalm 72 help us as we pray for our leaders?**
- **How can worshipping Israel's True King, Jesus, encourage us today?**

PRAYER REQUESTS/FELLOWSHIP

FOR FURTHER STUDY THIS WEEK

Worship reflection: Jesus Shall Reign (Keith and Kristyn Getty)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BE4DDB5whyk>

Behold Our God (Sovereign Grace Music)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gqrli3Lkf58>

Examine: Continue writing the prayer that you started during the personal reflection time. Consider spending some focused time praying and possibly even fasting on behalf of our city, nation, world.

Share: Ask a friend to pray with you about ways you can encourage the flourishing of others.

Apply: If you would like to hear more about the King in Psalms, listen to Pastor David Speakman's sermon on Psalm 2 (link is on the Hope website with our other Women's Bible Study materials).