

1. What is a royal Psalm?

- a. A <u>celebration</u> of God's King.
 - 1) For his <u>attributes</u>.
 - 2) For his <u>actions</u>.
- b. A <u>call</u> to respond accordingly.
 - 1) <u>Worship</u>: Sing <u>to</u> the Lord.
 - 2) <u>Witness</u>: Say <u>about</u> the Lord.
- 2. What does this have to do with Advent?
- 3. How would Jesus have read this Psalm?
- 4. How can/should you use this Psalm?
 - a. Our waiting on Christ should be marked by worship.
 - b. Our waiting on Christ should be marked by witness.



Gospel Applications: A Song of Kingship

- 1. What are some ways Jesus exhibited the attributes of the divine King of Psalm 96?
- 2. What are some ways Jesus seemed very different than the divine King of Psalm 96?
- 3. How do you hope for your life to be benefitted by the kingship of Jesus?
- 4. How do your hopes (under #3) relate to the First Advent of Jesus? How do they relate to the stillfuture Second Advent?
- 5. What are some ways that it seems like God reigns over Creation? What are some ways that it seems like he doesn't? How do you understand this paradox? Why does it seem like God reigns, but not fully?
- 6. What are some of the default "kings" of your life? Who or what gets to call the shots and control how you live?
- 7. What are some things you instinctively praise? What do you think it is about those things that makes spontaneously praising them easy?
- 8. Think of a time when you invited/encouraged someone else to praise something with you. (This often sounds as simple as, "Look at, read, taste this! Isn't it amazing?") What was the object of your praise? What were your reasons for encouraging someone else to praise it with you?
- 9. Worship and witness are inherently related unless we do something deliberate to short circuit the connection between them. Why do you think we disconnect them when it comes to Jesus and the Gospel, though we don't do this with most of the other things we praise?
- 10. What one thing will you do in response to this message?