

Why We Sing #2 - Yahweh is King

Psalm 47

The Call:

Worship Yahweh with _____.

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The Reasons:

1- Yahweh is the _____ over all the earth.

2- Yahweh comes down and _____ for His people.

3- Yahweh wins the battle and secures an _____.

4- Yahweh _____ in victory to His holy throne.

5- The people of the _____ gather to worship.

Small-Group Curriculum

Getting Started:

(1) Do you find it easy or hard to express heartfelt emotion to God in worship (personal and public)? Why?

(2) Why do you think the Psalms encourage so much exuberance in worship (shouting, clapping, singing, trumpets and cymbals)?

Getting Deep:

(1) Read Numbers 16:1-35. If the descendents of Korah (from Numbers 16) wrote Psalm 47, what does this teach us about God's grace and redeeming power? Be specific.

(2) Read Psalm 47:1-9. What do we learn about God from this song of praise? What do the authors want us to remember when we read/sing this psalm?

(3) Take a few minutes and attempt to capture the essence of this psalm in your own words. How would you express in today's language what Psalm 47 is teaching and celebrating?

(4) Read Revelation 19:11-16. In what ways does Jesus fulfill Psalm 47 as the King who reigns over all? What does it mean that He is the "King of kings"?

Getting Real:

(1) Do you tend to focus more on truth or emotions during your worship? Why are both important? How can you get out of balance (and what are the consequences when you do)?

(2) What does it mean for **you** today to submit to Jesus as King of all things when you live in a pluralistic democracy where public opinion is king? Get specific and personal, not political.

(3) How do the truths of the gospel lead us to exuberant, joyful worship? What part of the gospel of grace most moves your heart to sing and shout to God?

(4) What does Jesus' Lordship over all nations mean for your involvement in global missions? How does His Kingly authority motivate us to go to the ends of the earth with His truth?

