

## COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

### Sing Praises to the King

#### APPLY // PSALM 96

**Main Idea:** Declare the Lord's glory among the nations.

1. Read Psalm 96.
2. Identify and discuss the various descriptions of the Lord in this passage. How do these things (e.g. his splendor, beauty, might, glory) compel you to Boldly share the gospel?
3. What keeps us from telling others about Jesus? How does Psalm 96 answer these fears and concerns?
4. Spend time praying for our church to have a bold, humble, zealous culture of evangelism, corporately and individually. Pray the Lord would bring conversions through our gospel ministry.

#### OBSERVE & INTERPRET // PSALM 47

**Main Idea:** God reigns over all the nations as King, so sing joyful praises to Him!

1. Read Psalm 47.
2. What's the main theme of this Psalm?
3. Identify the commands given in this passage. How do these commands inform the ideal posture of our heart before our God? Why are we to be joyful?
4. Notice the command in verse 1 is to "all peoples." What's significant that this is addressed to all? What is significant that this is addressed to all peoples (not just people)?
5. Notice verse 2 uses the covenant name "LORD." What does this mean and why is it significant?
6. What reason does verse 2 give for shouting loud praises to God? What does it mean that God is a "great King over all the earth"? Notice the words "great" and "all."
7. What reasons do verses 3-4 provide to show that God is a great King over all the earth?
  - a. When the readers heard that "He subdued peoples under us and nations under our feet" what experiences from Israel's past might have come to mind?
  - b. When the readers heard "He chose our heritage for us" what promises of God might have come to mind?
8. Verse 5 probably looks back to the ark going to reside in Jerusalem after Israel's victory (cf. 2 Sam. 6:15). Why does the Psalmist include this line here?
9. What does verse 8 tell us about God? What's the significance that he "sits" on his throne? Note that his throne is "holy." What does this mean?
10. In verse 9, who are the "princes of the peoples"? What does it mean they "gather as the people of the God of Abraham"? Notice it's "people" not peoples. What's the point in referencing God as "the God of Abraham"?
11. How does this truth point us to the person and work of Jesus? See Galatians 3:7-9.

#### ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

**QUESTION:** How is your love for Jesus?