

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE**The Lifter of My Head****APPLY // PSALM 47**

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

1. Read Psalm 47. Summarize the main point of this Psalm in a sentence or two.
2. Discuss the attributes of the Lord revealed in this Psalm.
3. In what ways do you struggle to believe that God is King over the world? Over your personal life?
4. What enhances your joyful praise of God as King? What hinders your joyful praise of God as King? How does our church family help us live in joyful praise of God as King?
5. In what ways does Psalm 47 increase your affection for the person and work of Jesus Christ?

OBSERVE & INTERPRET // PSALM 3

Main Idea: When people are against you, remember the Lord is for you.

1. Read Psalm 3.
2. What's the context for this Psalm? What conflict is David facing?
3. What observations from the text reveal the depth of David's trouble?
4. Notice the first word of the Psalm, "O LORD." Observe how many times David uses "LORD" in this Psalm. What's the significance of this word? What does this repetition tell you about David's heart in writing this Psalm?
5. What are David's enemies telling him? Why would they be making such accusations?
6. In verse 3, David turns his attention from his enemies to his Lord. What does it mean that the Lord is...
 - a. "a shield about me"?
 - b. "my glory"?
 - c. "the lifter of my head"?
7. In light of who God is in verse 3, what does David do in verse 4? What is his cry? (see v. 7).
8. In verse 4, what does it mean that the LORD "answered me from his holy hill"?
9. What does David do in verse 5? What's significant about his actions (or inaction!)? What does this tell us about David's trust in the Lord? Why do you think David does not feel the need to defend himself?
10. In verse 6, notice that David does not say, "I am not afraid." Rather he says, "I will not be afraid." What's the difference between these statements? What is David doing by saying the latter?
11. How does David conclude this Psalm? What does David have in mind when he speaks of "salvation"?
12. Discuss the attributes of the Lord Psalm 3 reveals and highlights (explicitly and implicitly)?
13. How does Psalm 3 point us to the cross and our resurrected Christ?

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: Check-in and follow up with one another. How are ya' doing?