

Reflection Questions: Psalm 2

For the message, "God Establishes His Son as King" given by Pastor John Ferguson at Mercy Hill Church in Bryan/College Station, Texas, on ***October 2, 2016***

These reflection questions are designed to help you apply the message from the Scriptures by helping you think through application to your personal life, your church life, and your city's life. You can use these by yourself for reflection, or with your family or small group for discussion. To review the message, go to MercyHillBCS.org/resources/messages.

INTRODUCTION

Pray. Take a moment to pray asking God to guide you in reflecting upon the Scripture text.

Read Psalm 2

A summary of the message: At the heart of the Good News of Jesus is the saying, "Jesus is Lord." Biblically, this means that he is the world's true king. In the context of Psalm 2, nations are raging and peoples are plotting, but God's response to this opposition to his sovereignty is to establish a king to lead the world out of rebellion and into the ways of the Lord. Yet, the kings of Israel fell short of the ideal. Some were just flat out horrible, doing evil in the eyes of the Lord. So God sends his Son to be the world's true king, and summons us to kiss the Son by enthroning him in our lives.

The early followers of Jesus saw Jesus' resurrection as both his vindication as the Son of God, as well as his enthronement as the world's true Lord (cf. Acts 13:32-33; Romans 1:1-4).

Key Points:

- **Jesus is not a guru** whose purpose is to inspire you; **he is not a life-coach** whose purpose is to give you some tips for living; **he is the King** who calls us to give our allegiance to him. He is a king who comes with healing in his hands, offering forgiveness of sins, reconciliation with God, and a life lived free from tyranny of self as we place ourselves under his kind and loving rule.

Key Quotes:

- Knox Chamblin: "Jesus is the only one who can rule you without ruining you."
- James Montgomery Boice, "'The hands he holds forth for you to kiss are the hands that were pierced by nails when he was crucified in your place..'"

Bottom Line:

- In response to the striving of nations and the evil of human hearts, God crowns his Son, Jesus, as the world's true king.
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QUESTIONS

1. Let's think about how this text applies to our lives as individuals.

- How does this text clarify what God wants to do in my life? What kind of me is God calling me to be?

- How would my life look differently if I were to really live out the message of this text, if you were to really kiss the Son by enthroning him as King of your life?
- When I forget that Jesus is my true Lord, my true King, what lies tend to fill that vacuum in my life?

2. Let's think about how this text applies to us as a community of Jesus' followers.

- How does this text help us to understand the kind of church we want MHC to be?
- What does God want to do not merely for us or in us, but through us?

3. Let's think about how this text applies to our city.

- How does this text challenge the thinking of our city? How does this text critique our city's way of life? It's lords that demand loyalty from them?
- What kind of new life / future in Christ is this text calling our city to experience?

CONCLUSION QUESTION

What is the one thing you want to take away from this study to remember or to make a change in your life?

PRAYER

What are some ways you can turn what you are learning into prayer? List them as bullet points....

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