

Sermon: Taking Refuge in God's King.
Series: *Psalms of Hope and Encouragement.*

Scripture: Psalm 2.
Date: April 24, 2022

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) How are the nations described in verses 1-3? What examples of "nations raging against God" can you think of?
- b) What are some ways that you are tempted to be the king of your own life? Why is it so important for us to remember that we can't be our own king? Our own refuge?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) Psalm 2:4-5 speaks about God's wrath. Why is God angry in this Psalm? Does God's wrath over how we treat Jesus (his Anointed) bother you? Why or why not?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) Jesus is God's king. In what way did Jesus fulfill Psalm 2 at the cross? In what way will he fulfill Psalm 2 in the future?
- b) "Blessed are all you take refuge in him." In what ways have you personally taken refuge in Jesus Christ? In what way might you need to take refuge in him this week?

APPLICATION

a) Once we have taken refuge in Christ, we are IN CHRIST. Now, in Christ, we can: 1. Live as sons of God (v7). 2. Ask of the Father (v.8). 3. Make the nations Christ's inheritance (v8). 4. Crush our enemies' arguments (v.9). 5. Serve with fear (v.11). 6. Rejoice with trembling (v11.). 7. Kiss the Son (v.12). 8. Be a refuge (v12).

Which of these applications stands out to you? Why? What is a practical way you can embrace this truth?

FIGHTER VERSES: Isaiah 53:4-6.

PRAYER

- Praise God for setting his King on his holy hill.
- Confess ways that you have "raged against God" this week.
- Thank Jesus for being the refuge where we can find love and grace.
- Ask God to grant you the humility to give up your own kingdom and embrace the kingdom of Christ .