



For the World

Psalm 96:1-13

Discussion Questions

Getting Started

- How would you define to term worship?
- What does worship look like within the culture around us?
- How do your own choices reflect who/what you worship?
- How should our worship of God inform our passion for the world?

Study Read Psalm 96:1-13 Together

*Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. **Declare his glory among the nations**, his marvelous deeds **among all peoples**. For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the **gods of the nations are idols**, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary. Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. Worship the*

*LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth. **Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns.”** The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity. Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy; they will sing before the LORD, for he comes, **he comes to judge the earth.** He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his truth.*

- Observations? Insights?
- What does this Psalm teach regarding God’s heart for the nations?
- Why was this Psalm so important for the Israelites (God’s chosen people) to sing regularly as part of their worship?
- Read Psalm 96:1-3. How is singing a natural part of true worship? What does it mean to sing a new song? What experiences in life could lead us to want to sing a new song? How are worship and evangelism related? How should they fuel each other (Isaiah 2:2)?
- Read Psalm 96:4-6. How do these verses, and others you know of, teach us that God is worthy of our praise? What does it mean, and why is it vital, to fear God (Psalm 100:3)?
- Read Psalm 96:7-9. Why must true worship involve giving? How do we give God glory and strength (v. 7)? What other things can we give God? How can we make sure that we are giving God what He is worthy of being given?
- Read Psalm 96:10-13. How does true worship involve celebrating? What things do we typically celebrate more than we celebrate God? What things about God, and the things he has done, are worth celebrating?

Apply

- How should this Psalm inform our responsibility to “Declare His glory among the nations?”
- What do you see as current (and potentially future) role in “Declaring His glory to among the nations?”