Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, December 12, 2021 Scripture: Psalm 98

CHRIST

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

In *Joy to the World*, written by Isaac Watts, we celebrate Jesus as the King who has come, the King who reigns, the King who redeems, and the King who rules.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION (Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)

- What gospel themes are present in this Christmas hymn? What do you think is the central theme? What's your favorite stanza or phrase in this hymn?
- How does this hymn describe the King of Kings? How is Christ's rule different from other earthly kings (Psalm 98:2,9)?
- What should his arrival evoke in the earth and hearts of people (Psalm 98:1)?
- Discuss the difference between happiness and joy (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; 1 Peter 1:6-9)?
 Where do you seek joy?
- How did Jesus deliver us from the curse of sin? Why is humanity's only Savior (John 1:14)?
- What are the glorious results of Jesus' salvific work (Genesis 3:15; Revelation 22:1-3)?
- How do we live in light of the reality of Christ's present reign (Hebrews 1:3; Luke 1:32-33)?

