

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

God Reigns

Passage: Acts 12

Introduction: John proclaimed the message that God reigns and is working in every situation on earth, sustaining His people through tragedy, loss, and heartache. All is not well with the world, but God is with His people through every circumstance and loves us with His Fatherly care. He empowers us to live as kingdom people bearing a courageous witness to Jesus as we long for His return.

Additional passages: Psalm 71, Isaiah 62, Matthew 5:10-12, Mark 13:9-11, John 15:18-20a.

Questions:

1. Each of us has been personally impacted by loss—whether of a loved one or other significant hardship. How does the prayer of the psalmist in Psalm 71 speak hope into that situation?
2. Read Isaiah 62 and Isaiah 65:17-25 together. How does the truth of what God will do one day impact our perspective and actions now (particularly in loss and suffering)?

John said that regardless of what you think of Charlie Kirk's political views or approach to issues, he was an unashamed follower of Jesus who presented the gospel clearly and boldly. John reminded us that those who follow Jesus can expect to suffer for His name (Cf. Matt 5:10-12, Mark 13:9-11, John 15:18-20a).

3. How do the words of Jesus in the passages above help us know what to do when we suffer for His sake? How about the example of the first believers in Acts?
4. John reminded us to leave vengeance to God amid the injustices we see and experience in life. Are there past or current situations in your life where you need to take the desire for revenge to the Lord? What situations are particularly
5. What are life rhythms and practices that can help prepare us to go through suffering well?
6. How can full engagement in the life of Redeemer Church help strengthen your faith in Jesus and witness for Him? How can your life count for eternity? How about our life together as a church?