

## **The LORD Reigns (Psalm 99)**



### **1) He is GREAT! (v1-5)**

Specific Global Holy

➔ Outsiders take note!

### **2) He is GRACIOUS! (v6-9)**



Answering prayer merciful

➔ Insiders take note!

Today's Dig Deeper focuses on Psalm 99... You might also like to look up Revelation 5:5-6 for the Lion & Lamb reference. For those who like to read ahead, see the rota [here](#) for the Psalms we are looking at this Summer (99, 122, 100, 23, 73, 3).

### **1. Getting your bearings in the Psalms...**

- a. How do you think we should study Psalms differently from the book of Acts?
- b. How do we make sure that we think of Jesus as the "choir master" or "lead worshipper"? How will this help?
- c. How could you use Psalms in your own personal devotions?

### **2. Getting into this Psalm**

- a. Which different attributes of God stand out to you most clearly from this Psalm?
- b. If God reigns, why does he let bad things happen? Maybe he doesn't?
- c. Why do we need to know that God is both GREAT and GRACIOUS (or in other words that Jesus is a lion-like-lamb and a lamb-like-lion)? What if we don't have both?

### **3. Particular applications...**

- a. Was there in the past, or is there in the future a situation in your life when you really needed to remember that "The Lord reigns"?
- b. What does it mean for you in practice to "exalt the LORD our God and worship him", on a Sunday and throughout the rest of the week?
- c. Since God is an "answering God" (v8) what would you like to ask him for? Spend some time in prayer.

### **Some resources....**

- **Book by Christopher Ash, [Psalms for you](#)**. Helpfully focuses us on how Jesus is the "choirmaster" or "song leader" who himself is the "I" of the Psalms and then teaches us to sing them with him.
- **Book by Helen Thorne & Steve Midgley ["Mental Health and your Church"](#)**. Helps us to make church a place where those with mental health conditions are welcomed, understood, nurtured and supported.