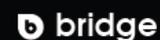




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## Let It Reign

*Sunday, August 30, 2020*



TALK  
ABOUT IT

- What are the voices that influence you most?



PRAYER

We worship a God who reigns over all of creation and He has blessed us by revealing Himself to us. Take a few minutes to reflect on this fact. Read Psalm 9:7-11 out loud and then pray in your own words:

### **Psalm 9:7-11**

“But the Lord sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness. The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you. Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds”

*(more on next page)*



## SERMON + WORSHIP

Watch this week's Home Church Live or a replay of the Home Church Live.



## TALK ABOUT IT

- **As Christians, we believe God has revealed Himself to us in the Bible and in Jesus. Where do you struggle to live out what these sources of truth teach?**
  - Are you ever tempted to only follow a Jesus or Bible of your own making? How can we let all of God's truth reign and not just the parts we like?
- **Pastor Jeff went through a beautiful exercise highlighting how we can build our lives on God's truth/promises. Which verses stuck out to you? Why?**
  - What other verses would you add to Jeff's list? How do those verses show God's faithfulness?
- **God often shines a light on particular verses as He did for Pastor Jeff with Isaiah 41. Have you had an experience like this? How do these experiences enhance truth reigning in our lives?**
  - How do these experiences line up with what Jesus says in John 16- That the Spirit will 'guide you into all truth'?



## PRACTICE POINTS

- **What stops you from reading the Bible on a regular basis? Pinpoint what things you are prioritizing above that time.**
  - Start reading through the Bridge Daily Reading plan this week (or another plan)

- **What promises/truths do you build your life on? Where does God's truth/promises fit in?**
  - Make a list of sources you go to for truth. Work on filtering all other sources through God's truth first.



## Want additional content to dive into during the week? Try this:

*These prompts can be used one-per-day or for an extended time on your own, with your spouse or family members, or with your small group:*

- **Let's look at how God speaks about the truthfulness of the Bible and of Jesus. These are foundational pieces that sometimes even Christians struggle with. Let's look at just a few verses on these subjects.**
  - Even with the Bible itself, there are many nods to God's authority in its pages. It is God's grand story revealed to humanity. Here are a few ways it is described:
    - *Israelites (and Christians) told to meditate on and keep God's Word: Deuteronomy 31:26, Joshua 1:7-8, 2 Timothy 3:16*
      - How does this set a foundation for God's Word going forward?
    - *Message of apostles came from God: Galatians 1:11, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, 2 Peter 3:15-16, 1 Corinthians 14:37-38*
      - What authority did the apostles think their letters had?
    - *God's Word sanctifies us: John 17:17, Hebrews 4:12-13*
      - How is the Bible more than a book to read, how does it work to change us?
  - The Bible refers to Jesus's authority and truthfulness in a few different ways:
    - *Jesus as the Word: John 1:1-14, Revelation 19:13*
      - What does it mean that Jesus is the Word of God?

- *The Son of God: Hebrews 1:1-4, Colossians 1:13-20, John 20:31, 1 John 5:20*
  - Why is it important to recognize Jesus as the son of God? What authority does that title give Him?
- *Lord/King: Romans 10:9, Philipians 2:8-11, Revelation 19:16*
  - Why does the Bible make a distinction between Jesus as God and Jesus as Lord/King? How does Lord/King language help us understand our relationship with Jesus?
  - *What other titles for Jesus would you add to this list and where do you find them in Scripture?*
- Once we embrace the authority of God's truth in the Bible and in Jesus, we have to let it reign in our lives.
  - *Why is this important to emphasize? How does God's truth reigning now stop us from just waiting for heaven one day?*
  - *Where do you struggle to let God's truth reign?*