

Specific Questions: Text: Psalm 47

1. Do you have a favorite Psalm? Why is it meaningful to you?
2. There is a real tension between our understanding of God's transcendence, and God's immanence (i.e. God is on His throne in heaven; God is King of all the earth and reigns over the nations). What is the basis for living in the perspective of immanence? Is that really necessary?
3. How does the eschatology of this psalm encourage our present living?
4. It could be asserted that Christianity is losing ground in western nations and that Christianity is a small minority in many other nations. Does that negate the claims of the psalmist? How should we understand the application of this psalm in the flow of history?
5. This psalm clearly describes and encourages aspects of corporate worship. Can you think of any worship songs, or hymns that reflect what the psalm is exhorting the people of God to do?
6. Many churches have a vocal (though small) contingent who advocate against clapping in the worship service. According to this psalm, does that practice have a place in our worship? If so, when would it be appropriate?

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. What new concept did you learn from this week's text?
2. Is there anything in the text that you don't understand?
3. How does this text challenge you to change? Is there anything standing in your way of making that change?