

The Lord Reigns!

Sunday November 9, 2008

Celebration

Choir Rehearsal – Psalm 96

He Reigns

- The **Reason** for the Celebration – The Lord Reigns!
- The **Focus** – Creation, The Nations
- **Images** from the News – The New Leader
- Inspires **Hope**
- Awakens **'the Dream'**

He Comes to Judge

Pictures of 'Coming to Judge'

Courtroom, Final Exam, Evacuation

Another Picture to Add

Coming to Set Things Right; Not End World, Run it Right

Stories of 'Coming to Judge'

Rejoicing or Lamenting? Two Sides of Same Story

So What?

The Christian Message

The Right King Has Come – Jesus – Inauguration

This King Will Come Again – Culmination

The Christian Life

Invitation – Extended to All – Forgiveness, Fresh Start

Invitation – Loyalty to This King – Being On His Side

Follower – Partner with His Agenda – Kingdom on Earth

Follower – Advance Team – Head Start on God's Future

Lifestyle – Live So His Coming is a Cause for Joy!

Take it Home!

Read Psalm 96. What is the mood or feel of the Psalm? What reasons are given for that mood?

What would it look like if Jesus ran things? Consider, for example, Jesus as president, Jesus as mayor, Jesus as teacher, Jesus as boss, Jesus as parent.

When you hear the word 'judge' or 'judgement' or the phrase God 'coming to judge', what comes to mind?

Consider the idea shared that 'coming to judge' is not so much ending the world, but running it right. How does this impact your picture of judgement.

What practical implications for your life this week do these ideas have?

Take It Home - Take this home and use these questions to think about the ideas shared today. It is even better if you can use these questions in a conversation with someone else.