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This Psalm questions why the “nations” conspire and rage against God. What are ways you see countries, nations, corporations, political parties, and other human institutions rebelling against God?

Can you identify the ways these entities claim to be bringing about freedom by opposing God’s rule and God’s ways? How does this so-called “freedom” actually bring pain, death, and destruction?

Jesus warns against ignoring the log in our own eye (Mtt. 7:3-5). Taking his words to heart, pause and humbly consider the ways you have participated in or contributed to these group/institutional rebellions.

What are ways you are tempted to meditate or plot on advancing your own power or your group’s power?

What would change if that same energy were instead put into meditating on the scriptures?

Consider everything this Psalm says and implies about God. What does it teach us about who God is and what God is like?

What does it teach us about God’s Son?

Why do these matter?

If Jesus is the Messiah (the Davidic King and anointed one spoken of in the Psalm), how then are we to “be wise” and “pay homage” to him?

The Psalm concludes by declaring that all who take refuge in God are happy (blessed).

What does it mean to take refuge in God?

Why is this the place where blessing and happiness are found?

What is God inviting you to start doing or to stop doing (or both) in response to reading this Psalm? Be as specific and practical as possible.

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