

# 03 GOD REIGNS OVER ALL

KEY TEXT: PSALM 47:1-9

## CENTRAL truth

What is the purpose of celebration? When we celebrate, we acknowledge the things that give us joy and our gratitude for the source of that joy. This week, as we dive into Psalm 47, we will see that it is a psalm of celebration. **The Lord is the sovereign King over all the earth**, and the psalmist both invites and commands us to respond to this truth with joyful praise.

## key question

**How can the truth of God's kingship over the whole earth provide us with hope and courage today?**

This powerful truth supplies us with comfort and encouragement during difficult moments. Our God is on the throne and rules over all things; nothing is outside His authority and power. And, in Christ, we are His people to whom He is loyal. Therefore, we can entrust ourselves to Him amid whatever we're going through.

## keep in mind

- In this psalm, the author is moved by the Lord and what He has done. Often, we find ourselves sincerely moved by other things—sometimes even good things. Students need to be reminded that while it's okay to find joy in the things the Lord has given us, the Lord should be the center of our joy. We must worship the gift-Giver and not the gifts He has blessed us with.
- The psalmist calls all peoples and nations to give their total allegiance and worship to the Lord. As believers, we're called to share with others that the Lord Jesus reigns from His throne. This may be a nerve-racking idea for students. Help them to see that doing this simply looks like telling others the good news of what Jesus has accomplished and how this life-transforming news has impacted them.

## application

**How can our joyful worship of the Lord help unbelievers know Him?**

## the win

**FOR THE STUDENT:** Today's session will invite students to see that the proper response to the Lord's sovereign rule is worship and joy.

**FOR THE LEADER:** This psalm is one of celebration; therefore, it's important to communicate to students that the Lord's rule is good and that they can trust Him, no matter what they may be going through.

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