

Songs for a Broken World

2. When God laughs

A. Recognise Rebellion

1. In what ways do people plot and conspire against God? Is it always as obvious as 'plotting and conspiring'? Do people realise they are rebelling against God?

- 2. v3 How do people misrepresent God?
- 3. What feelings run through your mind when you see the mess the world is in? How does 'recognising the rebellion' help?

B. Listen to the Laughter

4. How do Job 41:29 and Proverbs 31:25 help us understand God's laughter?

- 5. How is this encouraging? What aspect do you find especially comforting about this truth?
- 6. What do you think v6 means? If Zion refers to the church what encouragement is this? What does Ephesians 1:21 add to the picture?



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C. Realise the Son Wins

- 7. v7-9 What encouragement is this to missionaries? Persecuted Christians? You?
- 8. How would you answer someone who says, "You shouldn't take your faith to other nations/cultures"
- 9. How would you answer someone who says, "Faith should be kept private, it's a personal thing, its not for governments and nations to create rules about"

D. Call people to Glad-hearted Surrender

- 10. It would be easy to become harsh and vindictive if the Psalm stopped at v9. What challenge does the Psalm bring to us in v10-12?
- 11. What does it mean to 'Kiss the Son'? What encouragements are there in these verses to trust Jesus? (Both positive and negative encouragement)
- 12. What surprises are there in the last line?
- 14. Overall, how does this Psalm make you feel?
- 15. What verse is your favourite?