



## **Growth Group Discussion Guide**

**Passage:** Psalm 98

**Introduction:** In this Psalm we are called to praise the LORD in song and reflect on the marvelous things He has done. God has remained faithful to His covenant and steadfast in His love by bringing salvation to His people. News of this salvation summons all of creation to join in song. Ultimately this Psalm prompts us to reflect on what it means that the Judge of Earth has come in Christ.



### **Into the Word**

This psalm can be divided into three stanzas: verses 1-3, 4-6, and 7-9. How would you explain the theme of each stanza in your own words?

Compare: Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 2:8-14

Note: Consider how the audience of the psalm increases/changes with each stanza.

What specifically is the psalmist celebrating in verses 1-3? How are these things accomplished through the coming of Christ?

Consider: Romans 1:16-17

Note: Consider both the first and second coming of Christ.

What is the psalmist anticipating in verses 7-9? Why is God's judgement and rule good news?

Consider: Isaiah 52:7, Romans 8:18-21

Resource: [The Comfort of God's Justice and Judgment](#)



### **Into the Heart**

At the heart of this psalm is joy in God's rule. When are we tempted to forget that Christ is on His throne? How does this affect our outlook on life?

In this psalm the idea of a new song is of a "fresh retelling" of God's work. When do we need fresh retellings of God's work in our lives? How do songs strengthen us as God's people?



### **Into the World**

Where do you see our world longing for justice and peace? How does this psalm address these longings?

The hymn "Joy to the World" is based on Psalm 98. What is your favorite Christmas hymn? How can our worship through music lead to evangelism?