**Songs of the Messiah**

*Singing with Jesus in His Triumph*

(Psalm 22:22-31, Easter 2017)

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. OVERVIEW: Review Psalm 22 and identify the parallels of the psalmist with the experience(s) of Jesus on the cross. Which portions of Psalm 22 are directly quoted in the New Testament? How should this influence the way in which we read Psalm 22? What other psalms function in much the same way that Psalm 22 does (i.e. clearly point to Jesus)? Identify 2-3 psalms in which we sing with Jesus, of Jesus, and to Jesus.
2. STUDY: What passage in the Book of Hebrews quotes Psalm 22 directly? What is the context of that passage? In your own words, explain why the author of Hebrews would select Psalm 22 to make his point (what is the correlation)? In what way(s) did the Father answer the Son’s cries for help in Psalm 22? What “vows” did Jesus make regarding his church and his aim to glorify his own name? How is this being carried out today? Identify some of Jesus’ “I AM” statements in the Gospel of John and explain how they correlate to the promise of Psalm 22:26.
3. STUDY: In what way(s) does Psalm 22:27 give us a picture of biblical repentance? In your own words, describe how Psalm 22:27-29 supports John Piper’s statement: “Missions exists because worship doesn’t.” Review the following passages and explain the role of Christ’s resurrection in Paul’s theology and missionary zeal: Acts 17:16-34, Romans 1:1-7, 1 Corinthians 15:3-11, Philippians 3:8-11.
4. APPLY: In what way(s) have/do you struggle to read, understand, and apply the Psalms? How is David Murray’s interpretive grid helpful (we sing with, to, and of Jesus in the Psalms)? How can you personally sing with Jesus in Psalm 22? What place does the resurrection of Christ hold in your theology, experience of joy, and missionary zeal? In what way(s) are you actively seeking to spread your joy in Christ’s triumph to the next generation?