

## Jonny Weir Small Group Questions—Psalm 29

- God's majesty calls us to humble worship
- God's power subdues all opposition
- God's covenant love assures us strength and peace

### Discussion Questions:

1. The start of the psalm highlights the four-fold call to worship in Psalm 29:1-2, where heavenly beings are urged to "ascribe" glory and strength to the Lord and bow in humble reverence [Ascribe means: "regard a quality as belonging to"]. Jonny mentioned that this is a call to humble worship, where we lay down our own claims to glory and strength. He described Sunday worship as "our shared moment of humility" that:
  - a. equalises our community – where all our earthly claims to success and power and privilege are laid down.
  - b. extinguishes the fires of our pride and cools the heat of our anger.
  - c. calls broken relationships to be reconciled
  - d. demands all our feeble attempts to control and dominate in this world to be laid down at the altar.

- In what ways does our worshipping life demonstrate this "shared moment of humility"?

- How can we elevate existing rhythms, or create new rhythms of shared worship that "lift God and reposition us below his majesty?"

- Can you recall a moment where worshipping together in God's presence recalibrated your sense of personal pride, power and independence?

2. Verses 3-9 describe the powerful "voice of the Lord" moving through a thunderstorm, shattering cedars and shaking mountains. At one point, Jonny drew a parallel between the God of the storm in Psalm 29 and Jesus calming the storm in Mark 4: 35-40, noting the disciples' fear turned to awe when they realised "Holy God" was in their boat [have a read of the verses in Mark if everyone in your group is not familiar with them].

- How does this imagery of God's overwhelming power and Jesus's authority over nature challenge or encourage your view of Him, especially when you face chaos or struggles in your own life?

- Can you recall a time in your life when a revelation of Jesus's divine greatness made the difference in the face of a storm?

3. The sermon closes with the promise of verse 11—that the same God who rules over the storm gives strength and peace to His people.

4. - Where in your life do you need God's strength or peace right now?

5. - How can we, as a group, support each other in trusting and receiving these gifts from Him in our group experience?