

Clap! Shout! Sing! (Psalm 47)

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Truro Church

Psalm 47

- ¹Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
- ²For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.
- ³He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.
- ⁴He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. *Selah*
- ⁵God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
- ⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
- ⁷For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!
- ⁸God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.
- ⁹The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted!

Source: [Psalm 47 ESV - God Is King over All the Earth - To the - Bible Gateway](#)

Discussion & Reflection Questions

- 1) Describe the worship style that you prefer.
 - a) What are the benefits of your preferred worship style?
 - b) What are potential drawbacks to it?
- 2) What danger did Jamie say we could fall into when we engage in heated arguments about worship styles?
- 3) Verse 1 mentions *clapping* in worship.
 - a) When might clapping be appropriate during a worship service?
 - b) When might it be inappropriate during a worship service?
- 4) Verse 1 also mentions *shouting* in worship.
 - a) What has been your experience with shouting to God (in loud song or otherwise) in worship?
 - b) At Truro, when the congregation is asked to support candidates for baptism, the congregation shouts, “We will!” What is it like for you to hear that shout?
- 5) The psalm repeatedly mentions *singing*. Describe what it feels like for you when you sing in worship. (Or, if you don’t sing during worship, what holds you back?)
- 6) Jamie shared examples of beloved former members of Truro who worshipped the Lord with exuberance.
 - a) Think of people in your life who have modeled earnest and wholehearted worship of God. What about their way of worshipping do you seek to emulate?
 - b) What step might you take to make your worship of the Lord more earnest and wholehearted?