

# Royal Redeemer

## CGS Community Discussion Guide

Based on the Sermon Series: *I Want to Believe, but...*  
And the sermon for May 6-7, 2017:  
*Boyfriend God & Anti-Science God*



**(For use as an opening Devotion, use only the highlighted portion)**

- **Begin by sharing a high and/or a low from your week**
- **Connect**
  - Who was your first serious boyfriend or girlfriend?
- **Grow** (read this passage aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)

*How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? 2 How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? 3 Look on me and answer, Lord my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death, 4 and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall. 5 But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. 6 I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me. Psalm 13*

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- Have you ever felt that God had perhaps forgotten you?
- When have you asked God, "How long?"
- Looking at vv. 5-6, on what does David base his faith?

*1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. 2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. 3 They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. 4 Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. 5 It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. 6 It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth. Psalm 19:1-6*

- What can you learn of God by looking at the world around you?
- What do the descriptions here say about the writer's understanding of astronomy? Is his intention scientific or poetic?
- What truths do you see here about the sun?

- **Serve**
  - How can you be the hands and heart of God for someone in your life who is asking the question, "How long?" today?
- **End with Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**