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## WEEK OF APRIL 19

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Week of 3-29

Reflect and respond:

Read Psalm 67. As you read, make notes on anything that stands out to you.

Part of belonging to a big family is recognizing that the family of God extends beyond national and ethnic divisions. In these verses, the psalmist urges the people of God to see their salvation as part of God's global plan to bless all people.

Verse 1 opens with words of blessing. Make a list of all of the outcomes that the psalmist hopes for as a result of God's favor and kindness.

The two different Hebrew terms that are translated as “peoples” or “nations” in this Psalm occur a total of eight times in seven short verses! What do you think is the intent of this repetition?

What is the cause of the jubilant singing and praise of the nations?

In this time of hunkering down and rightly seeking to care well for those in our immediate nuclear and church families, how could Psalm 67 broaden your thinking?

This is a time of great upheaval for many who are serving the kingdom of God overseas. Not only is viral infection an equally great concern in global contexts, but many Christian global workers are also seeing their support rates fall as the economic realities of COVID-19 take hold. Are you connected to any of SBCC’s global workers? If so, how might you be able to reach out and encourage them?

### Prayer:

Many of our brothers and sisters around the world live out their faith in contexts of great uncertainty-and have done so for longer than this current health crisis. Use the space below to write down names of countries where Christian faith is threatened and our Christian family members follow Christ in challenging contexts.

In the week ahead, pray for believers in these places to walk faithfully with Jesus in all seasons of their faith.

Pray also that God will use the events of the moment to bring people to find their joy and gladness in him!

Set aside some time this week to intentionally praise and rejoice and bless the Lord, even in the midst of stress and anxiety. Get creative in this. Take a nature walk and praise God for his creation. Use worship music to prompt your soul toward praise. Perhaps even write your own psalm of praise!

### Scripture Memory:

Consider memorizing Psalm 67 this week. Perhaps you could work with a friend, coworker, housemate, or family member and encourage one another in this endeavor!