

Suggested Discussion Questions for 11/20/2022

Message: A Psalm for Thanksgiving

1. Share something that has encouraged a growth in gratitude in your life.
2. Read Psalm 100 together.

What makes the greatest impression on you?

What responses or questions does it evoke?
3. Look at the series of commands (imperative verbs). They're listed in the outline.

Why do you suppose the author wrote these as commands?

What's the significance?
4. How do thanksgiving, praise, and joy fit together in your life?
5. See if you can find 2 or 3 other passages that address thanksgiving or gratitude. What do they add to your understanding and practice of gratefulness?
6. Talk about the corporate nature of expressing gratitude and praise in this Psalm. Why is that an important enough aspect to take a central place in this Psalm?
7. Verse 5 tells us God's goodness, lovingkindness (loyal love) and faithfulness are significant to our entering His gates with thanksgiving and courts with praise (note, it begins with "for"). Why choose these attributes? What do they tell us about cultivating a life of gratitude?
8. Consider taking a gratitude challenge by using a strategy of a daily gratitude log. One good approach would be to pair up with someone else in your group and text or email daily 3 things you are grateful for that day. If that doesn't work for you, how would you approach it?