Psalm 100 A Psalm for Giving Thanks 8-25-24

I. RESPONSE OF A THANKFUL HEART

Psalm 100:1-2 – "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! ² Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!"

Psalm 100:4 – "Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!"

- A. Praise Him
- B. Serve Him
- C. Draw close

II. REASON FOR A THANKFUL HEART

Psalm 100:3 – "Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture."

Psalm 100:5 – "For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."

- A. Who God is
- B. What God has done
- C. What God has promised

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What did you think of the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
- 2. How often do you find yourself thanking God? What is the content of your thanksgiving?
- 3. What attributes of God encourage you to praise Him? How can other attributes push you towards praise as well?
- 4. In Verse 4, the Psalmist encourages the reader to draw near to God with thanksgiving. Is there anything distracting you from drawing near to God? How are you finding ways to draw near to God today?
- 5. READ I Thessalonians 5:18... When should we be thankful to God? How can we do this in difficult times?
- 6. This Psalm constantly points to the Lord as a reason for thanksgiving. How does meditating on who God is help you to be more thankful?

PRAYING THE PSALM

- Thank God for who He is. Spend time thinking of and thanking God for His different attributes.
- Thank God for how He has created a way for us to draw near to Him through Jesus Christ.
- Thank God that He has promised to be faithful to those that believe in Him.
- If you are going through a difficult time, pray that God would help you to keep your eyes on Him in the midst of your circumstances.