

SUMMER



PLAYLIST



WEEK 6

HIGHEST PRAISE

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

There are four crucial components for a group to maintain its health: Word, prayer, relationships, and reaching out. In this guide, you will study the biblical passage in three steps: observation, interpretation, and application. As the group leader, you are free to use any part of this guide that can assist you in achieving this goal.

CONNECT

- When's the last time you danced? What was the occasion?
- If you were part of a church growing up, what level of exuberance and demonstration (like lifting hands or bowing or dancing) was there in times of corporate worship?
- What's your favorite instrument to listen to?

INTRODUCTION

Psalm 150, as the final psalm, shows us the overall shape of the Psalms—from lament to praise. The kind of exuberance of the praise in this psalm, however, doesn't usually match our experience in corporate worship, and might even make people uncomfortable. How, then, can the psalmist's call for us to praise the Lord be a compelling invitation rather than an awkward compulsion? Let's find out.

OBSERVATIONS & INTERPRETATION

Read: Psalm 150

- The psalmist says to praise God in his sanctuary (v. 1). What do you know about the sanctuary and why do you think the psalmist focuses on it as the location to praise the Lord?
- What comes to mind when you think of the Lord's "deeds" and "his excellent greatness"? Why is praise a fitting response to these?
- What stands out to you from verses 3-6? How do these verses shape the way you think about corporate worship?

APPLICATION

- When you compare and contrast the psalmist's instructions for praise and how you practice praise, what gaps do you see?
- What gets in the way of you praising the Lord with this kind of exuberance? How does this psalm help you?
- There's no greater display of God's "deeds" and "excellent greatness" than the gospel. What is it about the gospel that can lead you to praise?

PRAYER

- Spend time praising God in prayer for his deeds and his excellent greatness.
- Ask God that this kind of praise would come to characterize your own life and the life of our church.

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