

Sermon Title: Living as God's People: Gathered to Worship

Sermon Scripture: Psalm 95:1-7



Sermon Discussion Guide (6/08)

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

Scripture

Read Psalm 95:1-7 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

Observation

What do these verses teach us about God? What do they teach us about who we are as God's people?

How do these verses demonstrate God as calling and inviting us to worship Him?

In these verses, why does the Psalmist tell those present to make a joyful noise? Why does the Psalmist tell those present to bow or kneel before God? What does the contrast between these actions reveal to us about the fullness of worship?

Read Acts 2:1-4, 42-47. What do these verses reveal to us about the importance of Christian community? In what ways is God's presence experienced in Christian community?

Application

Do you often think of Sunday morning worship as a communal gathering or as individuals who happen to be in the same room together? Why do you think this is?

Worship is self-giving not self-serving. Why do you think we often see worship as a time when we can get something from God? How does understanding worship as self-giving alter your perspective or the posture that you take during worship?

Worship teaches us who God is and whose we are. What truth about God do you need to more fully live into? What lie about whose you are do you need to let go of?

Our worship as the cooperate Body of Christ leads to a life of worship where we seek to praise and glorify God through our actions. How is God calling you to deeper obedience and surrender to Him? What is one step you will take this week to follow this call God has given You?

Prayer

Gracious God, as You filled the first disciples with Your Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, so You fill us now with that same Spirit so that we can worship You in truth and in unity with one another. Teach us again that worship begins with You and that we kneel, not out of ritual, but in awe of Your greatness and goodness. Forgive us for when we make worship about us. Reorient our hearts from the distractions of this world to the truth of who You are so that we may live in ways that glorify You. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.