

## SERMON-BASED STUDY: ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

**Psalm 100, ESV** – <sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! <sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! <sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

### Notes:

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### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

### ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 What does it mean to give thanks? How is it related to gratitude? How is it related to worship?
- 2 How does thanksgiving aid or even alter our prayer life? What does thanksgiving unlock in our lives?
- 3 What are "his gates" and "his courts"? How does this impact our thanksgiving and praise to God?

## DIGGING DEEPER

A

**Psalm 95:1-7b, ESV** – *Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! <sup>2</sup>Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! <sup>3</sup>For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. <sup>4</sup>In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. <sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. <sup>6</sup>Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! <sup>7</sup>For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

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Looking at the passage above, what are the descriptions of God used by the Psalmist? What do each of them mean?

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Why is it important for us to understand who God is when it comes to thanksgiving and praise?

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What does it mean for us to be “the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand”? What responsibilities does this place on us?

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**Philippians 4:6-7, ESV** – *<sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

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According to verse 6, our prayer and supplication are to include thanksgiving. Why do you think we must include thanksgiving?

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Why do our hearts and minds need to be guarded? How does God’s peace provide this protection?

## TAKING IT HOME

This week, we were reminded to enter the presence of God with thanksgiving. What are some practical ways that you give thanks to God on a regular basis? What are some other ways of thanksgiving that you can begin to incorporate into your life? Share with your group what God is showing you. Pray that each of you will be people who give thanks to God when in His presence.

## PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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## FOR FURTHER STUDY

Psalms 13:5, 16:7, 54:6, 107:8, 118:1, 21, 139:13-14

Ecclesiastes 11:8

1 Thessalonians 5:18