



Lab Study Guide Winter 2018

Date: 01/18/18
Text: Psalm 66

Teacher: Ben Post
Any other Text?: Mark 5

1. Read the Text Together Read the Text for this week out loud with your group.

2. Make Observations What stands out? What phrases caught your attention?
Any repetition, contrasts, comparisons?

3. Ask Questions What is confusing or hard to understand? Any details that might be important?
Ask: who, what, where, when, why, how?

4. Background Information

John Piper, a pastor who speaks at Passion every year, said this about worship a few years ago: *“A mystery of worship is that it isn’t about us, but about God. But, God doesn’t need our worship; we do. God isn’t some insecure cosmic being, who waits for His worshippers to remind Him how awesome He is and how desperately they need Him before He decides to intervene. God never changes. But when we worship, we change.”*¹

We have been created in the image of God therefore we are to reflect him with our lives. We get to proclaim, shout, declare to the world who and how great our God truly is. We proclaim by singing and shouting of how great is his love, his grace, his power, his purpose, his name. This is all a response in gratitude for what God has done for us and in us. We can’t not declare to the world how great God is. But singing praise to his name is not just through music. We also proclaim and declare God’s glory through stories. Stories of God’s faithfulness and power, such as the crossing of the Red Sea story (see verse 6), and stories of God’s faithfulness that the Psalmist has personally experienced (verse 16).

5. Application Questions

1. Psalm 66:1-4 talks about worship and “singing praise to his name.” What is worship and why do we do it?
2. Sharing stories of God’s faithfulness from our own lives is another way of worshipping and declaring to the world (and each other) the love,, power, glory and faithfulness of God. Take time to give people in your LG the opportunity to share short stories of God’s faithfulness in their lives. (This could be part of their testimony, but could also be any kind of “God sighting” they have experienced).

¹ <https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/why-do-christians-preach-and-sing>

6. Have everyone answer....

What verse or phrase from this Psalm was most powerful for you this week?

