

Discussion Guide: November 23rd, 2025
Series: *Thanksgiving Service*

Take Home Truth: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.

Focus Passage

Psalm 136 (NIV)

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. *His love endures forever.*
- 2 Give thanks to the God of gods. *His love endures forever.*
- 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords. *His love endures forever.*
- 4 to him who alone does great wonders, *His love endures forever.*
- 5 who by his understanding made the heavens, *His love endures forever.*
- 6 who spread out the earth upon the waters, *His love endures forever.*
- 7 who made the great lights—*His love endures forever.*
- 8 the sun to govern the day, *His love endures forever.*
- 9 the moon and stars to govern the night; *His love endures forever.*

- 10 to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt *His love endures forever.*
- 11 and brought Israel out from among them *His love endures forever.*
- 12 with a mighty hand and outstretched arm; *His love endures forever.*

- 13 to him who divided the Red Sea asunder *His love endures forever.*
- 14 and brought Israel through the midst of it, *His love endures forever.*
- 15 but swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea; *His love endures forever.*

- 16 to him who led his people through the wilderness; *His love endures forever.*
- 17 to him who struck down great kings, *His love endures forever.*
- 18 and killed mighty kings—*His love endures forever.*
- 19 Sihon king of the Amorites *His love endures forever.*
- 20 and Og king of Bashan—*His love endures forever.*
- 21 and gave their land as an inheritance, *His love endures forever.*
- 22 an inheritance to his servant Israel. *His love endures forever.*

- 23 He remembered us in our low estate *His love endures forever.*
- 24 and freed us from our enemies. *His love endures forever.*
- 25 He gives food to every creature. *His love endures forever.*

- 26 Give thanks to the God of heaven. *His love endures forever.*

Discussion Questions

1. Today's service was all about pausing to remember and give thanks to God for who He is and what he's done. From Psalm 136, what are some praiseworthy attributes of God or things he did for His people that stood out to you most and why?
2. How does knowing that God is the sovereign creator and sustainer of the universe help your heart trust and give thanks to him?
3. Verses 10-25 recalled God's faithfulness to rescue his people from their captivity to the Egyptians and to go before them as they entered into the land God had promised to give to them. What are some ways you want to give thanks to God for his past faithfulness to you? What are some ways you want to thank God for going before in light of any trials, challenges, or opposition you might be facing?

4. During the service we partook of the Lord Supper/Communion together as we remembered and gave thanks to God for sending Jesus to live and die for us to pay the penalty for our sins and make it possible for us to be restored into a right relationship with God our Heavenly Father. Why is regularly remembering and giving thanks to God for what Jesus did for you so important to living the Christian life?

Extended Time Giving Thanks to God Through Prayer:

Spend time giving thanks to God for who He is (His attributes).

Spend time giving thanks to God for specific ways he has shown you his faithfulness over this past year.

Spend time giving thanks to God for the ways He is refining and maturing you through your trials.

Spend time giving thanks to God for what you have in Jesus being your Lord and Savior.

Spend time giving thanks to God for his love for you and ask Him to continue to cultivate a heart of thankfulness in you over the coming year.