

SERMON GUIDE

How to Come to Church Psalm 100:4-5 Sermon Guide & Note Catcher

1. Come with Praise on Your Lips

'Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise...' (Psalm 100:4a)

Key Insight: Praise is essential and a vocal declaration of God's greatness. It is not based on personality but on perspective. The Hebrew word for praise (tehillah) refers to a public, vocal celebration of God's greatness.

Sticky Statement: Praise is the password that unlocks God's presence.

Reflection Questions:

- Do you bring praise or problems to church?
- Are you a thermometer or a thermostat in worship?
- How has God shown Himself worthy of your praise this week?

Notes:

2. Come with Purpose in Your Heart

'Give thanks to Him and praise His name.' (Psalm 100:4b)

Key Insight: Thanksgiving is intentional. It is not a vague feeling but a deliberate act of honoring God for who He is and what He has done.

Sticky Statement: Purposeful gratitude turns burdens into breakthroughs.

Reflection Questions:

- Are you part of the nine or the one?
- Do you show up to church out of habit or out of honor?
- What are you intentionally thanking God for today?

Notes:



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3. Come with Perspective in Your Mind

'For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.' (Psalm 100:5)

Key Insight: The psalmist reminds us of three unchanging truths: God is good, His love is eternal, and His faithfulness is generational. The Hebrew word for faithfulness ('emunah) implies stability and trustworthiness.

Sticky Statement: When your perspective is anchored in God's character, your peace won't be shaken by your circumstances.

Reflection Questions:

- Do you still believe God is good when life gets hard?
- How has God proven His faithfulness to you?
- Are you walking by what you see or by what you know about God?

Notes:

Conclusion

So how should we come to church?

- With praise on our lips — because God is worthy.
- With purpose in our hearts — because we owe Him thanks.
- With perspective in our minds — because we trust His character.

Final Word: This is not just about how you enter a building — it's about how you live your life. When gratitude becomes your daily posture, joy becomes your daily strength.



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Call to Action

- Each morning this week, write down three things you are thankful for.
- Before you ask God for anything, thank Him for everything.
- Come to church next Sunday with praise already on your lips, purpose already in your heart, and perspective already in your mind.

Reflection Notes:
