



"FOLLOWING CHRIST"

Growth Group Discussion Questions for Psalm 150

Week of January 13-16, 2019

1. Scripture memory: Memorize, meditate on, and be ready to recite Psalm 63:1-2.

2. Carefully read Psalm 150 at least twice. Bible commentators point out that this psalm answers many of the basic 5W+1H questions: Who? What? Where? When? Why? and How? In preparation for this study, write down how you see these questions answered in Psalm 150.
Who is this Psalm about? _____ Who is being addressed? _____
What is commanded? _____ Definition: _____
Where should this take place? (v.1) _____ (v.1) _____
When should this be done (implied)? _____
Why is this to be done? (v.2) _____ (v.2) _____
How is this to be done? (v.4-5) _____ (v.6) _____

3. In every verse of Psalm 150 we are exhorted to "praise," and three different times God's covenant name (LORD, YHWH), which had been revealed to Moses, is used (v.1, 6, Exodus 3:13-15).
 - a) What is the meaning of this covenant name and what do we learn about God from it?

 - b) How was God's name and character later amplified to Moses (Exodus 33:18-19 and 34:4-9)? List some ways that this amplification of God's character should lead us to Christ?

 - c) How did Jesus connect Himself to God's covenant name (John 8:58; 6:35; 8:12; 10:11; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1; 18:4-6)? How might this connection bring you into a closer relationship with God?

4. In the New Testament, we find that worship is centered in the church (Eph. 2:18-22, 5:18-20), corresponding to the earthly sanctuary of Psalm 150:1. a) How can you better appreciate and grasp the priority of corporate worship (singing, prayer, Word, fellowship) in your life? What does it say about our priorities when we are early for work, but late for worship?

b) Has your commitment to whole-hearted worship ever stagnated? We often point to reasons outside of us, but God looks within us, at our hearts (Pro. 16:2, 21:2; Jer. 17:9-10). What reason for this would you find in your heart if you looked there? How might embracing the message of this one psalm radically challenge your perspective on and practice of worship?

5. Two reasons to worship God are given in verse 2: What God has done, and Who God is!

a) What mighty deeds would have come to the minds of Old Testament believers? What mighty deeds can you point to that propel you to worship Him in your personal devotional life?

b) How is the apostle Paul's prayer for the church in Ephesians 1:15-22 meant to increase the church's (and your personal) worship of the LORD? What great and mighty deed does he refer to?

c) Verse 2 says that God is to be praised for "His excellent greatness" and the apostle Peter writes that the church should proclaim His "excellencies" (1 Pet. 2:9-10). But what does this mean? To enhance your worship of God, make a list of God's character excellencies from Psalm 145.

6. In the Old Testament, we see all sorts of musical instruments employed in the worship of God.

a) What purpose was stated for the usage of these instruments (v. 3-5)? If that purpose is met, can any instrument be used? What limitation should be considered (Romans 14:13-19)?

b) In any church, there are a variety of musical tastes, style preferences, age-related desires, traditions, etc., that all compete for consideration in worship. How can we overcome the natural conflicts that arise in our relationships around the area of worship (Phil. 2:4; Col. 3:12-17)?

7. Psalm 150 concludes the entire Book of Psalms with its comprehensive call to worship. What do you think is the most significant verse in this psalm? Why?

7. What principles or thoughts had the most impact on you from the message on this passage on Sunday, January 13th? How were you specifically challenged? What points of application did you take away from the message?

PRAY IN THE GROUP: Ask the Lord to give to us all “a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him” (Eph. 1:17), so that we would grow in all aspects of our personal and corporate worship life! Commit yourself to preparing in advance for worship in order to make every Sunday gathering a high priority of worship for you, your family, our church, and our guests!