

Giving Thanks

Psalm 100

How do you give thanks during challenging times?

And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Job 1:21

Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. Hab 3:17-18

Structure of Psalm 100: _____, _____, _____,

3 Instructions: _____, _____, _____

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Ps 100:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Rom 12:1

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' Mat 25:35-40

Explanation for why to give thanks

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. Ps 100:3

Elohim – creator God. God of power, strength, dominion

Yahweh – LORD, personal, relational God

We give thanks because God is our _____ and _____!

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. John 10:11

I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Phil 4:12-13

Invitation to give thanks : _____, _____, _____

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Ps 100:4

Exhortation to give thanks : Remember _____

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Ps 100:5

Discussion Questions:

- This week as you celebrate thanksgiving, take some time and list how God has been good, faithful, loving to you and your family.
- Share with someone else how God has been good/loving/faithful in your life.
- How can you remind yourself of God's character more regularly? How can you remind one another of God's character more regularly?