



How We Worship: The Call

Psalm 100

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Tips and Tricks:

The sermon notes are designed to be used as a guide for discussion. Don't feel like you have to use every question. Some questions will take a while to work through and others will be over in a few seconds.

1. Don't teach the lesson. The sermon was just preached. Just ask the questions and let everyone else talk.
2. Let other people ask questions. It's OK to go "off topic" for a while. Sometimes those conversations are more interesting anyway!
3. Have fun. Don't forget to laugh and crack up. Relationships, not curriculum, are the heartbeat of our ministry. Remember: We have to build a relational bridge strong enough to hold the truth!

Agenda for Group Time

1. Ice Breaker - Lighthearted ice breaker question (10 minutes)
2. Discussion - Bible study, sharing and application. (25 Minutes)
3. Prayer - Pray together (5 minutes)
4. Planning - Remember to talk about what's coming up.

Icebreaker

What comes to mind when you hear the word *worship*?

- ☐ Music
- ☐ Sunday
- ☐ Nice Clothes
- ☐ Boring
- ☐ Confusing
- ☐ Other: _____

Have you experienced very different styles of worship in your life? What stood out or impacted you most?

Read Psalm 100

A Call to Worship is an Invitation from God

What does it mean that worship begins not with us, but with *God calling us*?

How might this shift the way you approach Sunday worship—or your devotional life?

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Verses 1–2

"Make a joyful noise to the LORD... Come into his presence with singing!"

What kind of posture and emotion is encouraged in these verses?

- ☐ Cold
- ☐ As a good Southern Presbyterian, I can say that there is no emotion in this text.
- ☐ Joy
- ☐ Reverence
- ☐ Other: _____

Why is it sometimes difficult to express emotion in worship? In your opinion, can there be too much emotion in worship?

How do joy and gladness relate to God's invitation?

Verse 3

"Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his..."

Why is creation a reason to worship?

How does belonging to God shape your identity and security?

Verses 4–5

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving... For the LORD is good..."

What reasons does the Psalm give for thanking and praising God?

How does God's unchanging love and faithfulness give you hope today?

For More thought...

Consider revisiting the quote from Paul Tripp: *"We are hardwired for awe."* What are some common "awe-substitutes" in our culture? In your own life?

- ☐ Sports
- ☐ Creation
- ☐ Work
- ☐ Getting things done
- ☐ Family
- ☐ Money
- ☐ Power
- ☐ Other: _____

Application Questions

1. What does it practically look like to *respond* to God's invitation to worship each week?
2. How might this sermon change how you enter a worship service next Sunday?
3. What are some ways we can cultivate hearts that are ready to "shout for joy" and "serve with gladness" throughout the week?

Work It Out!

One thing I'll do differently because of this sermon:
