04.27.25 Facilitator "The LORD, God of Wonders" Tim Rice

Pray Together:

- 1. Worship the LORD as the God of all time, space and creatures. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He is more worthy of joy and adoration than anything or anyone else in all existence.
- 2. How have you lived amazed by creation or the achievements of people while you have yawned at your Maker? Confess to Jesus how dislocated your worship really is, asking Him to forgive you and to heal your heart.
- 3. Give thanks to Jesus for His saving grace. Thank Him for stooping down immeasurably, to bear our guilt and shame, to raise us up to sit at His table and be in His family!
- 4. Who do you know that approaches God with a consumer's heart rather than an amazed heart? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help open their eyes to the wonder of His holiness and glory, and to meet them with His grace.
- 5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and joy. Pray for the Spirit's help in awakening you to the daily privilege of worshipping the LORD and being captivated by His power, worth and beauty.

Discussion Questions:

- Was it well with your soul walking into the Weekly Church Gathering? How was your heart, circumstances, relationships, etc.?
- Notice how the Lord nourished you and others in Church:
 - o What believers did you see being used by Jesus to serve others?
 - o How did the Gospel dwell richly in you through the singing and liturgy?
 - o In what way did the Spirit encourage or console you through the spiritual interaction with another brother or sister in Christ?
- Read the passage of the sermon together and discuss.

Specific Sermon Discussion Questions: Psalm 113

A. <u>Inescapable Wonder</u>

- Where do we get the term Hallel?
- What does it mean to praise?
- How is a Christian's normal experience of life and worship to be full of personal joy and shared love?

B. The Dislocation of Praise

- Why is God's work to gather or unify His people even necessary?
- How is a tool different than a treasure?
- In what ways do you search for mud pies instead of a holiday at the sea? (CS Lewis quote reference)

C. Ultimate Cause for Praise

- How is the LORD incomparable in His mercy?
- What happens in an eclipse? Has Jesus eclipsed all of your other wonders?