INTRODUCTION
We live in a crazy fast world. And the pace of life too often keeps us from realizing all we are privileged to be and have because we are in Christ. So … for the next two weekends, join me in taking a break, taking a breath, and fixing our eyes on the God who made us, who rescued and forgave us, and now sees us, and loves us, as His dear and beloved children. Let us enter His presence with thanksgiving so that worthy worship may flow from our lips!

Part 1:

Vs. 1,2: *Exhortation:*  
*Make a joyful noise … serve with gladness … come with singing!*

Vs. 3: *Explanation: Why should I?*
Because the Lord is God
Because the Lord God made us
Because we are His sheep and He is our Shepherd

Part 2:

Vs. 4: *Exhortation:*
*Enter with thanksgiving and praise … give thanks … bless His name!*

Vs. 5: *Explanation: Why should I?*
Because He is good
Because He loves without pause
Because He is eternally trustworthy

“For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.” Psalm 100:5
WEEKLY QUESTIONS

MONDAY | PSALM 100:1-2; 2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4

What does the Psalmist mean when he says to make a joyful noise? Why should we heed his command to serve the Lord with gladness? What do you think is the connection between thanksgiving and generosity and how are those two things connected to worship? How do you model God’s generosity in your own life? How should 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 inform the way we give our time to people? What fuels us to give our time to people who are hurting?

TUESDAY | PSALM 100:3; JOHN 3:16

How should the fact that “we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture” inform how we live? Make a list of implications. How should the fact that Jesus gave His life to reconcile us to God fuel our thanksgiving? What confidence is found in knowing that through the sacrifice of Jesus believers have the privilege of being called children of God? How should our covenant relationship with God inform how we live each day?

WEDNESDAY | PSALM 100:4; 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-7

How does this verse paint a picture of how we should think about engaging with the Body of Christ? How do you think a person cultivates this type of attitude? Because God is always present for us, how should that inform how generous we are with our life to others, especially believers? How does 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 instruct our hearts on being generous with what we have been given?

THURSDAY | PSALM 100:5; ISAIAH 63:7-10; PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

Sincere gratitude brings us to the realization that we have been treated in a way we didn’t deserve! What can we learn about the people of Israel in Isaiah 63? What did they forget? How should they have responded? What is the connection between gratitude and humility? How should Philippians 2:1-11 fuel our humility and inform our gratitude?

FRIDAY | PRAY

Take some time to thank the Lord for the many ways He has been generous to you. Ask the Lord to show you areas of your life where you lack gratitude and generosity. Pray for opportunities to demonstrate how grateful you are for God’s generosity towards you in the normal rhythms of your life. Pray for those in your life who do not have a covenant relationship with God.

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