

Sermon Discussion Guide 11/25-12/1 VGroup Meetings

Sermon Title: Thank You - Psalm 95:1-11

Distribute name tags as people enter. Take attendance / collect new guest information including address, phone & email, etc. Allow folks to mingle, fellowship, and settle in with each other.

Open the session with prayer.

Discussion Starter/Ice Breaker: (15-20 mins)

This past week we celebrated Thanksgiving. Take a moment & think of something that you experienced during your time with family/friends that you want to express thanks for. Share it with the group.

Discussion Questions: (30-45 mins)

1. Read Psalm 95:1-11 together. Recap from the sermon: What are the core points covered in the sermon & which verses support each point?
2. Read the following verses. Identify & discuss the reasons the writer is giving thanks/praising God in each passage.
 - a. Psalm 30:1-12
 - b. Psalm 107:1-9
 - c. 1 Thessalonians 2:13
3. What comes to mind when you hear the phrase “a hardened heart”? Think of synonyms for the word “hardened” (feel free to use a thesaurus). What words did you come up with?
 - a. Do any of these words describe you or the way you feel? Which ones?
 - b. What can we do to change this? How do we avoid becoming hardened or callous?
 - c. What can we do to help prevent others around us from becoming hardened?
4. Read Psalm 145 all the way through together.
 - a. Why is David praising & thanking the Lord?
 - b. What kind of effect do you think this had on the people around him at the time?
 - c. Can you identify the 3 elements from the sermon at work in this chapter? Give examples.
5. Reflect on a time in your life where God did something amazing.
 - a. What was your reaction at that time?
 - b. Who did you share this moment with?
 - c. What is your reaction to that moment today?
 - d. Share this with your group & in doing so, see how you are living out the 3 main points from our study - Give witness to our God - God deserves our thanks - Avoid a hardened heart.

Closing: Open the floor for discussion / questions.

Prayer Requests:

Close in prayer.

