LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Remember that Life Groups are a place where we practice what is preached. We discuss the Bible for transformation, not just information.

Icebreaker: What book, other than the Bible, do you think every person needs to read? Why?

PRAY: Pray together for the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to behold wonderful things (Ps. 119:18) as your group meets with the Lord.

READ: Ask a group member to read **Psalm 111.** Consider having multiple people read the passage.

DISCUSS: This psalm of praise recalls the Exodus, the wilderness wanderings, and the conquest of the Promised Land. The psalm is an acrostic, a trait common among wisdom poems, and it ends on a note that could be called the "motto" of the Book of Proverbs (v. 10). Why are praise and wisdom so closely related?

IDENTITY: Psalm 111 looks back to the faithfulness of God as a reminder that He loves His people and calls us to root our lives in these truths. What are practical ways you can remember to root your identity in Christ instead of in the ways the world asks us to define ourselves?

WORSHIP

Psalm 111 opens with "Praise the Lord!" and sets that praise in the context of community (v. 1). What are ways that your life group can grow in worshiping together?

COMMUNITY

Verse 9 reminds us that God has redeemed His people! We are saved into a people who belong to Him and to one another. How does that change the way we see this group and one another?

MISSION

When we remember the great works of God in our lives, including the salvation brought to His people, How can that compel us to move toward the lost instead of retreating from them??

GROUP ENGAGE:

Jesus is worthy of our worship! And not only our worship, but the worship of every person on the earth. As a group, try this idea to engage in the mission of God or come up with your own.

This month, try to listen to the needs of those at work, at your school, in the neighborhood, etc. Individually or as a group, seek to meet some of those needs and to share the hope found in Christ, so that one day they could look back and see how faithful God was in meeting their needs through your Life Group. Give space to share these stories throughout the month!

WE ARE FAMILY:

How can you hold each other accountable to respond to God this week?

Share prayer requests (either as a group, or as partners/smaller groups).

VALUE SPOTLIGHT:

TRUTH | That which communicates the reality of God.

When we live as a community that remembers the truth of what God has done for us, we will respond in worship and mission.



SERIES OVERVIEW:

Thanksgiving is easy to reduce to a holiday, a meal, or a brief 'thank you." But what if true thanksgiving is much more than a day or a few grateful words? The Psalms invite us to consider that the heart of thanksgiving is a response to God not based on our circumstances, but on His worthiness. So join us for a four-week look at the Psalm of thanksgiving, as we discover why God is worthy of not only our "thank you," but so much more.

November 8

Psalm 111

Big Idea: God is worthy of our worship
Key Question: Why is God worthy of our worship?

- His works display His greatness (vv. 1 – 6)
- His Word displays His trustworthiness (vv. 7 – 8)
- His redemption displays His holiness (vv. 9 – 10)

November 15

Psalm 136

Big Idea: A loving God deserves our continual thanks.
Key Question: Why should God's people keep giving thanks?

- His love creates (vv. 1 – 9)
- His love redeems (vv. 10 – 22)
- His love provides (vv. 23 – 26)

November 22

Psalm 100

Big Idea: A worthy God deserves joyful, public praise
Key Question: How should we respond to God's worthiness?

- Celebrate Him with Joy (vv. 1 – 2)
- Confess that He is God (v. 3)
- Thank Him for His Goodness (v. 4 – 5)

November 29

Psalm 116

Big Idea: A gracious God deserves our all
Key Question: How should we respond to God's saving grace?

- Trust Him (vv. 1 – 11)
- Thank Him (vv. 12 – 14)
- Serve Him (vv. 15 – 19)