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Give Thanks

Why should you give thanks to me? Am I worthy of your thanks? Do you desire to give me thanks? Have I done anything for you that is deserving of your thanks? You have done much that is worthy of my enthusiastic thanks. **Like what?** First of all, you made me. If you hadn't made me, my giving thanks and praise to you would be a non-issue. I wouldn't exist. But not only have you made me, you made me to be your very own. You are my good shepherd. I am one of your sheep I have often wandered off and gotten myself in trouble. I have walked on a path that led away from you. But you would not let me go. You would not leave me to myself. You would not let me live a life without you. You sought me out. You brought me back into your fold. You forgave my sin and cleansed my unrighteousness. You healed my bruised and battered and broken life. You restored my soul. You set me on the path of loving, following and serving you. You have given me a completely clean and fresh and new life to live in you. My old dark and dingy life of sin is a thing of the past, it is long gone. Now, it is my joy to love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. This love for you, that you have placed in me, causes me to want to give you thanks and praise with all that is within me. **That is very good.**

So, it is not a duty for me to give thanks and praise to you. I don't give thanks and praise to you because I should or must. No, it is a burning desire within me to give you all my thanks and praise. I want to shout. I want to clap. I want to make a joyful noise that praises and thanks you because you are so good. You are faithful. You are kind. You are merciful. You love and care for me. You are with me to help. I am all yours. You are mine. Can anything be this good? Can my praise and worship adequately express the thanks I have in my heart for you. I'm sure not. But help me to continually express all my thanks and praise to you. Help me to enter your gates with thanksgiving and your courts with praise. **Yes, I will. We will meet together in your praise and thanksgiving.** Thank you, Lord.

Lord, I have many reasons to give my thanks and praise to you. You made me. I am yours. I am the work of your hands. You love and care for me. You are with me to help me. You are good. You are faithful. I will enter your presence with thanksgiving and praise. Amen

Becoming Like Christ *Give Thanks To Him*

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NIV Psalm 100:1-5

Becoming Like Christ *Give Thanks To Him*

Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth! Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy. Acknowledge that the LORD is God! He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

NLT Psalm 100:1-5

Becoming Like Christ *Give Thanks To Him*

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

NRSV Psalm 100:1-5

Becoming Like Christ *Be Thankful*

MAKE A joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come before His presence with singing! Know (perceive, recognize, and understand with approval) that the Lord is God! It is He Who has made us, not we ourselves [and we are His]! We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving *and* a thank offering and into His courts with praise! Be thankful *and* say so to Him, bless *and* affectionately praise His name! For the Lord is good; His mercy *and* loving-kindness are everlasting, His faithfulness *and* truth endure to all generations.

AMP Psalm 100:1-5

Becoming Like Christ *Give Thanks To Him*

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth. Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing. Know that the LORD Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; *We are* His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving *And* His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting *And* His faithfulness to all generations.

NASB Psalm 100:1-5

Becoming Like Christ *Give Thanks To Him*

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

ESV Psalm 100:1-5

Becoming Like Christ *Give Thanks To Him*

Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD, He *is* God; *It is* He *who* has made us, and not we ourselves; *We are* His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name. For the LORD *is* good; His mercy *is* everlasting, *And* His truth *endures* to all generations.

NKJV Psalm 100:1-5

Becoming Like Christ *Thank Him*

A thanksgiving psalm On your feet now—applaud GOD! Bring a gift of laughter, sing yourselves into his presence. Know this: GOD is God, and God, GOD. He made us; we didn't make him. We're his people, his well-tended sheep. Enter with the password: "Thank you!" Make yourselves at home, talking praise. Thank him. Worship him. For GOD is sheer beauty, all-generous in love, loyal always and ever.

MSG Psalm 100:1-5

Becoming Like Christ *Give Thanks To Him*

Shout with joy before the Lord, O earth! Obey him gladly; come before him, singing with joy. Try to realize what this means—the Lord is God! He made us—we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Go through his open gates with great thanksgiving; enter his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name. For the Lord is always good. He is always loving and kind, and his faithfulness goes on and on to each succeeding generation.

TLB Psalm 100:1-5

Becoming Like Christ *Thank Him*

A psalm of thanks. Shout to the LORD, all the earth. Serve the LORD with joy; come before him with singing. Know that the LORD is God. He made us, and we belong to him; we are his people, the sheep he tends. Come into his city with songs of thanksgiving and into his courtyards with songs of praise. Thank him and praise his name. The LORD is good. His love is forever, and his loyalty goes on and on.

NCV Psalm 100:1-5

Give Thanks To Him

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Becoming Like Christ – Psalm 100:1-5

In Context: *Read Psalm 100*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I have many reasons to give my thanks and praise to you. You made me. I am yours. I am the work of your hands. You love and care for me. You are with me to help me. You are good. You are faithful. I will enter your presence with thanksgiving and praise. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How rare is it for people to give their enthusiastic thanks and praise to God?

When have you lost perspective and failed to offer all your thanks and praise to God?

Why is giving thanks and praise to God the best and most appropriate way to enter His presence?

When have you given thanks and praise to God because you know that He made you and you are His?

How often is the faithfulness and goodness the reason you want to give thanks and praise to Him?

What are reasons why you would like to give your enthusiastic thanks and praise to God right now?

How has giving thanks and praise to God put your thoughts and words and actions in alignment with Him?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Make it your regular pattern and practice to daily enter the Lord’s presence with thanksgiving and praise.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord is worthy of all your thanks and praise.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are giving all your thanks and praise to the Lord.

Close With Prayer: ***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you enter into the Lord's presence with thanksgiving.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will enter your presence with thanksgiving.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I enter your presence with thanksgiving today?
