

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

The Call & Cause for Praising the Lord

Psalm 111

PRAYER

After discussing the text/sermon from Sunday, March 03, spend some time praying for our disciple-making mission as a church and for other churches. If you wish, you can use my suggested prayer points below to guide your time.

APPLY // PSALM 88 (SERMON FROM MARCH 03)

Consider practical ways to apply the text of Scripture. Think about implications at the individual and corporate level remembering God's word shapes our beliefs and our behaviors.

1. Read Colossians 4:7-18
2. How does this text help you love Jesus more?
3. How does this text help you love the church more?
4. What does this text tell us about the importance of community in advancing the gospel and making disciples?
5. How have you been encouraged and equipped by other Restoration Church members to make disciples?
6. Spend time praying for Restoration and other local church in DC:
 - a. Pray that Restoration Church would continue to have a culture where we help each other know, love and follow Jesus.
 - b. Pray that Restoration Church members would be eager to meet with others to serve them spiritually and physically.
 - c. Pray that our Community Groups would be a place of mission (sharing the gospel with the lost) and for mission (we'd encourage one another to disciple).
 - d. Pray that God would use the ministry of Restoration Church to bring people to faith in Jesus Christ.
 - i. Every-member evangelism
 - ii. Campus Outreach
 - iii. Friendship Terrace
 - iv. DC127
 - e. Pray for the ministry of Sublime Gracia as they minister to Spanish speakers.
 - f. Pray for Anacostia River Church (Thabiti Anyabwile) and Mercy of Christ Fellowship (Jeremy McClain) as they labor in impoverished areas of DC.
 - g. Pray for Capitol Hill Baptist, GraceDC, Church of the Advent, The District Church, Washington International Church as they strive to edify believer and evangelize the lost.

STUDY // PSALM 111 (SERMON TEXT FOR MARCH 10)

Study the passage of Scripture aiming to faithfully interpret and apply what you observe. Remember we study God's word not just to increase our knowledge, but to increase our trust in and treasuring of Jesus Christ.

1. Read Psalm 111.
2. Summarize the main point of this Psalm in one or two sentences.
3. At the beginning of the Psalm, what is the Psalmist calling us to do?
 - a. What does it mean to "Praise the Lord"?
4. How many times does the Psalmist refer to the "LORD"? What's the significance in this name? What's the significance of the repetition? How many times does the Psalmist refer to the LORD with a pronoun (e.g. he, his)? What does this prevalence tell us about the posture of the Psalmist's heart?
5. The Psalmist praises the Lord "with my whole heart." What does it mean to praise the Lord with our "whole heart"? What are ways that doesn't happen?
6. According to verse 2, where does our praise take place? What does this mean?
7. What are the "works of the Lord"?
 - a. Read Psalm 8:3; 19:1; 104:24
 - b. What works are specifically referenced in Psalm 111?
8. Verse 8: How has God caused his wondrous works to be remembered?
9. Do you notice any parallels between the work of God in verses 5-8 and Israel's history as a people?
10. Verse 9: How did God send redemption to his people, Israel? How has God sent redemption to us?
11. How do you notice the Psalmist moving between praising God for his action and his attributes?
12. List and discuss all the attributes of God do you see listed in the Psalm.
13. How many times do you see the refrain of "forever" in this Psalm. Why does the Psalmist continually include this repetition?
14. General Bible study questions:
 - a. What does this passage teach me about the character of God?
 - b. What does this passage teach me about myself and my need for God?
 - c. How does this passage teach me that God has met my needs in the person and work of Jesus Christ?
 - d. How should I respond with my affections and my actions?

ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

QUESTION: Who are you discipling and helping follow Jesus? Who are you sharing the gospel with that we can pray for?