



Home Devotional – Week of November 21, 2021

No matter how difficult your life's journey, you can always count your blessings—past, present, and future. Through praise, we recognize, appreciate, and express God's goodness.

Reflection/Discussion Questions

1. *When has a friend done something wonderful for you? How did you thank him or her?*

2. *Why do we sometimes forget to thank others?*

Study

Read and reflect on Psalm 96:1-9 before proceeding further.

Although the Bible invites us to praise God, we often are not sure how to go about it. The psalmist, overwhelmed by what God had done, shows us how to praise God. We can sing to the Lord, tell others about Him, gather to worship with other believers, and bring offerings to God. God enjoys the praise of His people, and we should enjoy praising Him with our whole being.

3. *Why is it important to praise God in the presence of others?*

4. *How can the presence of others sometimes keep us from praising God wholeheartedly?*

5. *What has prevented you from worshiping God with your whole being in the past?*

6. *What is the best way you have found to keep distractions from interfering with your worship of God?*

Summary

Praise lies at the heart of true worship. Scripture tell us to remember God's goodness and faithfulness in the past and then to worship God with thanksgiving and praise. Genuine worship is offered when hearts are full of appreciation for what God has done. Considering all that God does for you, what could be more natural than heartfelt praise?

7. *What can you do to praise God more willingly and consistently?*