

SERIES: Psalms
TITLE: *Thanksgiving*
SPEAKER: Pastor Bryon Mengle
PASSAGE: Psalm 100
DATES: May 21-22, 2022



MESSAGE TAKEAWAY

- We are called to a life of *thanksgiving*.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- READ Psalm 100 in a few different versions.
 - Pastor Bryon spoke about the difference between being spiritually *thankful* and being spiritually *expectant*. Discuss how easily we slip into the expectant camp.
 - When we arrive at church, are we *expectant* of a service that we will enjoy and be blessed by or, do we arrive in a *thankful* mode, anxious to shout for joy during a time of worship?
 - Traditional Jewish tradition made it a rule that each morning you offered a prayer of thanksgiving to God for a new day – before you even got out of bed. How far have we come away from that practice?
 - “Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.” Psalm 100:1-2. Discuss the three focus points of this verse and how this should impact our life:
 - The Lord is God
 - It is he who made us
 - We are his people
 - “Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 - How often do we say “Thank you Jesus” for all the little as well as the big things?
 - The Dr. Jeremiah quote that Pastor Bryon used challenges us to find a reason to be thankful no matter what our circumstances. As we look at the world around us today, are we looking to find reasons to be thankful no matter the circumstances? Are there circumstances in your personal life that make it hard to be thankful right now? If you are comfortable, share this concern with the group and be encouraged.
 - Corrie Ten Boom was thankful for “fleas.” Have there been any “fleas” in your past that you can look back on with thankfulness?
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NEXT STEPS

- **Tim Keller says**, “It’s one thing to be grateful. It’s another to give thanks. Gratitude is what you feel. Thanksgiving is what you do.” What is a step you can take to be more thankful this week?