

Psalm 100 (ESV): Thanksgiving

Main point: We can rejoice in God's goodness to us.

Open with a short prayer, inviting God to teach us.

Background: "A psalm for giving thanks."

Focus of the study:

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

² Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

³ 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.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

⁵ For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Questions:

- This is a short little psalm but full of emotion! What are the first instructions the writer gives? (v. 1-2)*
 - Make a joyful noise to the Lord
 - Serve the Lord with gladness
 - Come into his presence with singing
- Who is the writer telling to do this?*
 - v. 1: all the earth
- What are the "happy words" that describe how we are to make noise, serve, and come into God's presence?*
 - joyful – note it doesn't say a good noise, just a joyful one 😊
 - gladness
 - with singing
- What does a joyful, glad, or singing noise sound like? Who and what make joyful noises?*
 - (generate lots of ideas here: children, birds, dogs, cats, breezes, rivers, orchestras, bands, trees, guitars, pianos....)
- How do those kinds of sounds make you feel?*
- v. 3: Why is everything in the earth supposed to be joyful, glad, and singing?*
 - v. 3: the Lord is God
 - we are His! We are his people, the sheep of his pasture
 - What are sheep like?* needy, followers
 - What are pastures like?* safe, abundant food, comfortable

