

PSALMS OF SUMMER



Pastor Hilary Harris Part 8: A Praise Perspective

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

[Psalm 66:1-4]

1 Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth! 2 Sing about the glory of his name! Tell the world how glorious he is. 3 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Your enemies cringe before your mighty power. 4 Everything on earth will worship you; they will sing your praises, shouting your name in glorious songs."

[Psalm 66:8-12]

8 Let the whole world bless our God and loudly sing his praises. 9 Our lives are in his hands, and he keeps our feet from stumbling. 10 You have tested us, O God; you have purified us like silver. 11 You captured us in your net and laid the burden of slavery on our backs. 12 Then you put a leader over

us. We went through fire and flood, but you brought us to a place of great abundance.

1. Talk about it.

[Psalm 66:16]

Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he did for me.

[Deuteronomy 6:6-7]

6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

2. Don't panic, Praise

[Psalm 66:17]

I cried out to Him for help, praising Him as I spoke.

[Psalm 66:17 NIV]

I cried to him with my mouth; His praise was on my tongue.

[Psalm 66:20]

Praise God, who did not ignore my prayer or withdraw his unfailing love from me.

3. When in Doubt, Shout!

[Psalm 66:1]

Shout for joy to God, all the earth! 2 Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have someone read Psalm 66:8-12 in their best British accent. Come on have some fun!

2. What is your perspective on Praise? Why do you praise? When do you praise? What does your praise look like?
3. How can we keep praise on our lips when we feel like we are a victim? Who have you seen model this?
4. What negative conversation are you allowing or facilitating in your homes? How can we adjust those conversations to give praise to God?
5. What are you meditating on? How can we intentionally meditate on the greatness of our God?
6. What reports do you need to lay down before the Lord? What pain deserves to hear your praises?
7. Spend some time praying for each other and let the volume of your voice increase as you praise and honor God.