

PSALMS OF SUMMER



PSALMS OF SUMMER Part 10 Pastor Jude Fouquier

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 114]

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the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
² Judah became his sanctuary,
Israel his dominion.
³ The sea looked and fled;
Jordan turned back.*

⁴ *The mountains skipped like rams,
the hills like lambs.*
⁵ *What ails you, O sea, that you flee?
O Jordan, that you turn back?*
⁶ *O mountains, that you skip like rams?
O hills, like lambs?*
⁷ *Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,*
⁸ *who turns the rock into a pool of water,
the flint into a spring of water.*

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1. Praise

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2. Faith

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God doesn't just save you from something; He saved you for something. The God who saved you has the power to sustain you!

[Joshua 4:5-7]

*And Joshua said to them, "Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take up each of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, **6** that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' **7** then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever."*

The type of song you're singing has the power to either move you forward or keep you back. Great miracles don't happen without great problems. Instead of praising the problem, embrace the opportunity for God to do great miracles in your life.

[Matthew 26:30]

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Which songs do you love to play on repeat? What themes run through them?**
- 2. How easy is it for you to praise (compliment, honor, acknowledge) someone? To receive praise?**
- 3. What does praise do for your perspective?**

- 4. In your circumstances, what are you declaring God is going to do? What faith statements do you need to make?**
- 5. What are some “memorial stones” of God’s faithfulness, that when you remember them, push you out of patterns and into progress?**
- 6. What type of song are you singing? Is it moving you forward into God’s promises, or is it keeping you where you are at? What are you singing over your marriage, your children, your struggles, and your strengths?**
- 7. You are not alone. Pray that God would put in each of us a new song.**