



**Thanks does more than you think**  
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**USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

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. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

***[Psalm 100]***

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! 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. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

***[Psalm 100:4]***

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

***[Heb. 4:16]***

Let us come boldly to the throne of grace, Let us approach God's throne with confidence.

**[Psalm 7:17]**

“I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness...”

**[Psalm 9:1]**

“I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart...”

**[Psalm 30:4]**

“Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; give thanks to his holy name.”

**[Psalm 35:18]**

“I will give you thanks in the great assembly

**[Psalm 75:1]**

We give thanks to you, O God, we give thanks

**[Psalm 136:1–3]**

give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.

***Todah (תּוֹדָה)***

***A thanksgiving offering, or to give thanks with extended hands—especially in faith before the answer comes.***

**[Psalm 100:4]**

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving (Todah), and His courts with praise...”

***Yadah (יָדָה)***

***To throw, cast, or extend the hands in praise.***

**[Psalm 100:4]**

give thanks (yadah) to Him; bless His name!

**[2 Chronicles 20:21-22]**

After consulting with the people, King Jehoshaphat appointed singers to lead the army, praising God for his steadfast love as they went into battle against the Moabites, Ammonites, and Edomites. The singers sang, give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever." As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against their enemies, causing them to be defeated and destroyed

- 1. *Thanksgiving leads us into His presence!***
- 2. *Thanksgiving gives us the power and victory!***

**Key Points:**

- 1. *Thanksgiving leads us into His presence***
- 2. *Thanksgiving gives us the power and victory***

**Applications for the Week:**

Thanksgiving and praise are not optional extras, but the very path by which we draw near to God. What are the things in your life that you can be intentional about thanking and praising God for this week?

**Discussion Questions:**

- 1.** According to Psalm 100, what are the specific ways we are invited to approach God?
- 2.** What two Hebrew words did Pastor Tosha highlight, and what do they mean in the context of thanksgiving and praise?
- 3.** Who did king Jehoshaphat (In 2 Chronicles 20) send ahead of the army into battle and what did they do?
- 4.** Is there a particular Psalm that helps you with breakthrough or when you need God to change your atmosphere?
- 5.** How can offering up thanksgiving and praise when we feel overwhelmed or fearful help us to face those hard times?

6. Pastor Tosha challenged us to activate the weapon of worship even when it feels awkward or unnatural. What practical step could you take this week to make thanksgiving and praise a regular part of your daily routine?