

Small Group & Personal Study: 24/7 Discipleship Series – Our Daily Praise

This week we are going to look at how the Christian life is called to remember Jesus Christ, praise Him in every aspect of our daily life and come together to worship.

Memory Verse: Acts 2:46-47

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Daily Reading:

Day 1 – Acts 2:41-47

Day 2 – Psalm 145

Day 3 – Psalm 146

Day 4 – Psalm 147

Day 5 – Psalm 148

Day 6 – Psalm 149

Day 7 – Psalm 150

Lesson:

1. Read Psalm 47 together. Why do you think God's word instructs us to sing praises?

Let your group discuss the subject of praising God. We were created to praise God. In this Psalm the people are directed to praise God with shouts of joy, with clapping, and praise Him with songs by singing with our voices and playing our instruments. Music is a God thing. The reason people like and respond so much to music is because God put it in our hearts. And He put it there so we could use it in a response of praise and reflection of all the good and wonderful things He has done, is doing, and will do.

2. How has praising God in your heart and with your voice lifted you up and brought joy back into your life?

When I need a lift I turn to music or to the word (especially the Psalms). This helps me remember and acknowledge God and reflects on His love and power for my life. I remember His promises and that lifts me up!

3. Look again at Acts 2:41-47 and you will see how the early church demonstrated the practice of corporate worship and fellowship for us. Why do you think God intends for the church to come together to worship Him and fellowship with one another? What verses in the Bible instruct you of the importance of this practice?

We were created for intimate relationships. God is the first and foremost relationship and people are next. Those whom belong to the family of God have a very special connection and it is felt most powerfully in times of worship and fellowship together in Christ. The church of Acts was a wonderful model of what God intends for His church.

4. Share with the group how you praise God in your own way in your own private devotional life?

Let everyone share, you will find my thoughts in the following notes on how to have a quiet time with God.

The Discipline of a Daily Quiet Time with God: Over the past few weeks we have looked at the disciplines of meditating and memorizing scripture and journaling prayers back to God on what He has said in His word. All of these disciplines are part of our daily quiet time with God. When I say quiet time, I don't always mean no sound. But I do mean no distractions. One habit I have developed that has greatly deepened my relationship with God is to spend time private listening to Christian music and even singing praise songs to God. In order to have a quality time with God do whatever it takes to put your mind on His presence. A few ways that helped me are to take a walk in the hills or on the beach alone early in the morning. While I walk I praise God and meditate on the promises I have remembered from His word. I often just reflect on the beauty of His creation and that leads me into joyful praise. I move from praise to talking with God about whatever He lays on my heart. No stopping to take notes or look at a prayer list, just spending time with the Master! Another way I often praise God privately is late at night I will turn on Christian music and meditate on just worshipping God and remembering Jesus Christ. For some of you this may be uncomfortable or not your way of worshipping but I know that God get's a hold of me during those times and He brings refreshing and joy into my life.

Another wonderful way to worship and remember God daily is by reading and reflecting on one of His many names and remembering how He has revealed Himself personally to you in ways that make you remember His name.

Group leaders; ask your group to meditate on these names and as an act of worship, to share testimony of how God has revealed Himself to them by one of these names of God.

Let me give you an example; I have learned that God is "Able" as I have had a few times in my life to experience things I needed to go to in faith, such as the healing of cancer in a mom from Kids Club that just recently that I shared with you in church. We have been praying for this women and God made the cancer disappear. He is Able! He has opened doors to the gospel when they appear closed tight. I prayed for a former employee of mine for a long time about her relationship with God. I was unsure how to reach her and not offend or step out of line but through a remarkable turn of events one day she confessed Jesus Christ as her Lord to me. He is Able! And time and time again God has shown me He is Able! When I reflect on Him being "Able" it increases my faith and commitment to Him and brings me to a point of praising Him for who He is and what He has done in my life and in the lives around me.

Biblical Names of God

Please know that this is just a partial listing of the many Scriptural names and titles of the Lord. There are others not listed.

Able (Daniel 3:17; Eph 3:20)
Advocate (1 John 2:1)
All (Col 3:11)
Almighty (Rev. 1:8; Mt. 28:18)
Alpha & Omega (Rev 1:8; 22:13)
Amen (Rev. 3:14)
Ancient of Days (Daniel 7:22)
Anointed One - Psalm 2:2
Atoning Sacrifice (1 John 2:2)
Author of Life (Acts 3:15)
Author and Perfecter of Faith (Heb. 12:2)
Author of Salvation (Heb. 2:10)
Awesome (Ex 15:11; Dan 9:4)
Banner (Isaiah 11:10)
Beauty (Psalm 27:4)
Beginning & End (Rev. 22:13)
Bread of God (John 6:33)
Bread of Life (John 6:35; 6:48)
Bridegroom (Mt. 9:15)
Capstone (Acts 4:11; 1 Pet. 2:7)
Chief Cornerstone (Eph. 2:20)
Chief Shepherd (1 Pet. 5:4)
Chosen One (Luke 23:35)
Christ (1 John 2:22)
Comforter (Jeremiah 8:18)
Creator (John 1:3)
Crown, Glorious (Isa 28:5; 62:3)
Dayspring (Luke 1:78)
Day Star (2 Peter 1:19)
Defender (Psalm 68:5)
Desire of Nations (Haggai 2:7)
Deliverer (Rom. 11:26)
Emmanuel (Matthew 1:23)
Eternal Life (1 John 1:2; 5:20)
Everlasting Father (Isaiah 9:6)
Exalted (Ex 15:1; Job 36:22)
Faithful and True (Rev. 19:11)
Faithful Witness (Rev. 1:5)
Father (Matt 11:25)
First & Last (Rev 1:17; 22:13)
Fortress (Psalm 18:2)
Foundation (Isaiah 28:16)
Fountain (Zec. 13:1; Psalm 36:9)
Friend of Sinners (Matt 11:19)
Gate (John 10:7-9)
Gift of God (2 Corinthians 9:15)
Glory of God (Isaiah 60:1)
God (John 1:1; 20:28; Heb. 1:8; Rom. 9:5; 2 Pet. 1:1; 1 John 5:20)
Good Shepherd (John 10:11,14)

Great High Priest (Heb. 4:14)
Guide - Psalm 48:14
Head of the Church (Eph. 1:22; 4:15; 5:23)
Heir of all things (Heb. 1:2)
Hiding Place (Psalm 32:7)
High Priest (Heb. 2:17)
Holy and True (Rev. 3:7)
Holy One (Acts 3:14)
Holy Spirit (John 14:26)
Hope (1 Tim. 1:1; Psalm 71:5)
Hope of Glory (Col. 1:27)
Horn of Salvation (Luke 1:69)
I Am (John 8:58)
Image of God (2 Cor. 4:4)
Immanuel (Mt. 1:23)
Jehovah (Psalm 83:18)
Jesus (Matthew 1:21)
Judge (Acts 10:42)
King Eternal (1 Tim. 1:17)
King of Israel (John 1:49)
King of the Jews (Mt. 27:11)
King of kings (1 Tim 6:15; Rev. 19:16)
King of the Ages (Rev. 15:3)
Lamb (Rev. 13:8)
Lamb of God (John 1:29)
Lamb, unblemished (1 Pet. 1:19)
Last Adam (1 Cor. 15:45)
Life (John 14:6; Col. 3:4)
Light of the World (John 8:12)
Lion of Judah (Rev. 5:5)
Living One (Rev. 1:18)
Living Stone (1 Pet. 2:4)
Lord (2 Pet. 2:20)
Lord of All (Acts 10:36)
Lord of Glory (1 Cor. 2:8)
Lord of lords (Rev. 19:16)
Master (Matthew 23:8)
Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5)
Mediator of the New Covenant (Heb. 9:15)
Messiah (John 1:41)
Mighty God (Isa. 9:6)
Morning Star (Rev. 22:16)
Offspring of David (Rev. 22:16)
Only Begotten Son of God (John 1:18; 1 John 4:9)
Our Great God and Savior (Titus 2:13)
Our Holiness (1 Cor. 1:30)
Our Husband (2 Cor. 11:2)
Our Protection (2 Thess. 3:3)
Our Redemption (1 Cor. 1:30)
Our Righteousness (1 Cor. 1:30)
Our Sacrificed Passover Lamb

(1 Cor. 5:7)
Passover Lamb (1 Cor. 5:7)
Peace (Eph 2:14)
Physician (Matthew 9:12)
Potter (Isa 64:8, Romans 9:21)
Power of God (1 Cor. 1:24)
Precious Cornerstone (1 Pet. 2:6)
Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6)
Prophet (Acts 3:22)
Propitiation (I John 2:2)
Purifier (Malachi 3:3)
Ransom (1 Timothy 2:6)
Redeemer (Isaiah 41:14)
Refiner (Malachi 3:2)
Refuge (Isaiah 25:4, Psalm 46:1)
Resurrection & Life (John 11:25)
Righteous Branch (Jer. 23:5)
Righteous One (Acts 7:52; 1 John 2:1)
Rock (1 Cor. 10:4)
Root of David (Rev. 5:5; 22:16)
Rose of Sharon (Song of Solomon 2:1)
Ruler (Rev. 1:5; 3:14)
Sacrifice (Ephesians 5:2)
Salvation (Ex 15:2, Psalm 27:1)
Sanctuary (Isaiah 8:14)
Savior (Eph. 5:23; Titus 1:4; 3:6; 2 Pet. 2:20)
Shelter (Psalm 31:20, 61:4, 91:1)
Shepherd (1 Peter 2:25)
Servant (Isaiah 42:1)
Son of David (Luke 18:39)
Son of God (Luke 1:23, John 1:49; Heb. 4:14)
Son of Man (Mt. 8:20)
Source of Eternal Salvation (Heb. 5:9)
Teacher (Matthew 26:18)
The Stone the builders rejected (Acts 4:11)
True Bread (John 6:32)
True Light (John 1:9)
True Vine (John 15:1)
Truth (John 1:14; 14:6)
Vine (John 15:1)
Way (John 14:6)
Wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24)
Wonderful Counselor (Isa 9:6)
Word (John 1:1)
Word of God (Rev. 19:13)
Word of Life (1 John 1:1)