

Water of Life Community Church
WORSHIPPING YOUR KING
WEEK 1
PSALM 67:3; 149:3; 150:1-6; EZEKIEL 46:9-10

ICEBREAKERS

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

When we consider who God is and what He's done for us, praise becomes more and more a part of our lives. Through all of life's blessings and troubles, joys and griefs, successes and obstacles, God is at our side guiding, encouraging, comforting, and caring. In today's study, we'll see that worship refreshes us when we are tired or down. We'll also recognize that our inhibitions can keep us from engaging with God deeply and demonstratively.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ PSALM 150:1-6.

- a. Why are we to praise God?
- b. What is the parallel between praising God's deeds and His excellent greatness? How are the two connected?
- c. What mighty deeds of God can you testify to in your life?
- d. How would you characterize the psalmist's praise of God?

2. READ EZEKIEL 46:9-10.

- a. What are some reasons why we might not experience this in our personal or corporate worship?
- b. What one word describes how you've been entering worship lately? What one word describes how you've been "exiting" worship lately?
- c. Is it possible to experience renewal and refreshment in worship apart from the presence of Christ? Explain. What might it look like when people try?
- d. Describe a time you entered worship burdened and came out refreshed. Why do you think that time was different than others?

3. READ PSALM 67:3 AND PSALM 149:3.

- a. What do these two words teach you about praise and worship?
 - b. Do these two verses indicate that celebration and lifting hands in worship is a matter of personal preference? Explain.
 - b. How might lifting hands in worship and celebrating the Lord help a person find his or her way to Jesus and true renewal and refreshment?
 - c. Read Luke 15:20-25. How does the celebration of the prodigal son who came home from wandering expand your understanding of what your praise and worship of the Lord should look like?
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PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

How do the two Hebrew words *yâdâh* and *hallal* encourage you to improve your worship of God?

What specific steps could you take this week to enter into worship one way and exit another?

GOING DEEPER / WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- Reach out to God through a verse a day this week: Psalm 67:3, Psalm 145:10, Psalm 63:3, Psalm 44:8, Psalm 150:6.

RESPOND

- Practice *yâdâh* (extending your hands in esteem) as you worship in song or Scripture each day.
- Start with your palms open in front of you. Raise them a little higher each day as you worship.

Also ... subscribe to our e-devotionals by texting "eDevotional" to 67076; or go to wolgroups.com and click on the eDevotional button for daily testimonies relating to this week's theme.

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 150:6

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."