

COMMUNITY GROUP THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Various Passages

GROUP LEADERS

Week of November 20, 2022

The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Community Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

This week, consider taking a break from the normal routine of sermon questions. Below are some suggestions to help you make your group time memorable during this special time of year.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- What are some of your favorite Thanksgiving-season traditions? Do you have any traditions from your childhood that you still keep today? Are there any new traditions that you'd like to start this year?
- Why do you think our culture tends to skip over Thanksgiving and rush right from Halloween into Christmas?
- Brainstorm a few ways that your Community Group can serve others during this holiday season.

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES) PICK ONE PASSAGE, OR DISCUSS ALL THREE

#1 - Psalm 66

- Read:** Psalm 66 from The Message Paraphrase of the Bible (On the reverse side of this sheet)
- Worship:** Based on this Psalm, what are some of the blessings you are thankful for?
- Pray:** Stop and praise God for those blessings right now as a group.

#2 - Luke 17:11-19

- Read:** Luke 17:11-19 from the English Standard Version
- Worship:** Briefly tell your salvation story and talk about what God saved (and continues to save) you from.
- Pray:** Thank God out loud for the way He has healed your soul.

#3 - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

- Read:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 from the English Standard Version
- Worship:** Sing praise songs together in response to God's greatness (Ask someone to bring their guitar, or click the links below for the lyric videos). If your group isn't comfortable singing, read the lyrics out loud together:
 - [10,000 Reasons](#) - Kim Walker-Smith
 - [In Christ Alone](#) - Keith Getty
 - [Jesus Is Better](#) - Austin Stone
 - [Revelation Song](#) - Jennie Lee Riddle
- Pray:** Simply complete this sentence out loud, "God, because you are so great, I will respond by _____."



Psalm 66

The Message

vs. 1-4

All together now—applause for God!
Sing songs to the tune of his glory, set glory to the rhythms of his praise.
Say of God, “We’ve never seen anything like him!”
When your enemies see you in action, they slink off like scolded dogs.
The whole earth falls to its knees—it worships you, sings to you, can’t stop enjoying your name and fame.

vs. 5-6

Take a good look at God’s wonders—they’ll take your breath away.
He converted sea to dry land; travelers crossed the river on foot.
Now isn’t that cause for a song?

vs. 7

Ever sovereign in his high tower, he keeps his eye on the godless nations.
Rebels don’t dare raise a finger against him.

vs. 8-12

Bless our God, O peoples! Give him a thunderous welcome!
Didn’t he set us on the road to life? Didn’t he keep us out of the ditch?
He trained us first, passed us like silver through refining fires,
Brought us into hardscrabble country, pushed us to our very limit,
Road-tested us inside and out, took us to hell and back;
Finally he brought us to this well-watered place.

vs. 13-15

I’m bringing my prizes and presents to your house.
I’m doing what I said I’d do,
What I solemnly swore I’d do that day when I was in so much trouble:
The choicest cuts of meat for the sacrificial meal;
Even the fragrance of roasted lamb is like a meal!
Or make it an ox garnished with goat meat!

vs. 16-20

All believers, come here and listen, let me tell you what God did for me.
I called out to him with my mouth, my tongue shaped the sounds of music.
If I had been cozy with evil, the Lord would never have listened.
But he most surely did listen, he came on the double when he heard my prayer.
Blessed be God: he didn’t turn a deaf ear, he stayed with me, loyal in his love.