

The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell 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](http://www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons).

**CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)**

- What are some of your favorite Thanksgiving traditions with friends and family?
- If you could start a new tradition this year, what would it be?

**READ Psalm 148: “Thanksgiving Praise—Through the Lens of Nature”**

In his message, Pastor Curt likened the new birth to the lighting of a fire. Discuss the spiritual parallel to the three elements necessary to start a fire: fuel, heat, and oxygen.

In reading the “flow” of Psalm 148, how is the praise cycle like the hydrologic cycle?

Discuss the implications of the statement: “Our purpose is to boomerang God’s glory back to Him!”

- \* What does that look like in our day-to-day lives? How do we do that?

**The Outline of the Psalm:**

The call for heaven to praise the LORD (vv. 1-4)

- \* Restated in summary (vv. 5-6)

The call for earth to praise the LORD (vv. 7-12)

- \* Restated in summary (vv. 13-14)

Why do Psalms 146-150 command us to praise the LORD so many times? Is this unnecessary redundancy? Discuss.

Look at the various aspects of nature in the psalm. As you read through them, discuss what it is about each of them (or sets of descriptions inclusive of each of them) that prompts you to praise the LORD.

Discuss how to bring praise to your Thanksgiving Table. What are some ideas to bring God into your holiday celebrations?

The greatest cause for praise is the fact that God has blessed us with a “horn” for His people (Christ and the fruits of His sacrifice). Take time to share praise (testimonies of thanksgiving for Him) in your group share time and in your group prayer time.

**PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)**

- Give God thanks for Who He is and what He has done for you!