

Psalm 100



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

The text – Psalm 100

1. Read Psalm 100. There are five commandments in the psalm. In the NIV they are “shout”, “worship”, “come”, “know”, “enter” (which is the same word as “come”), “give thanks” and “praise”. Discuss the meaning of and movement between these commands. Who is being commanded? How can these commands be obeyed?
2. What does it mean to “know” God? To “know” that the LORD is God?
3. Discuss the words of 100:3, “we are his people, the sheep of his pasture”. What do they mean in the context of this psalm?
4. Discuss the words of 100:5 – “for the LORD is good and his steadfast love endures forever; his faithfulness continues throughout all generations”. What do they mean in the context of this psalm?

The Scriptures – Psalm 100 as a portion of the Scriptures

5. There are many important portions of Scripture about what it means to know God. Consider the words of the prophet Jeremiah in Jeremiah 9:23-24 or of Hosea in Hosea 6:1-3. What does it mean to know the LORD?
6. Why is God described as Israel’s shepherd? Who were Israel’s shepherds? What did shepherds do? Consider texts such as Psalm 78:70-72 and Ezekiel 34:1-4.
7. Read and enjoy the description of Jesus as the Good Shepherd in John 10:1-18. Discuss, in particular, John 10:14-15. How does the Father know the Son? How does the Son know the Father?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Psalm 100 as a portion of the Scriptures

8. How do you “know” God? How can your relationship with God become more and more intimate and loving?
9. As a community how can we help each other to know God this year?
10. How can we pray for you as you seek to grow in your relationship with God?

