

DOING LIFE TOGETHER

12. What did you do this Thanksgiving weekend to incorporate praise of God's works into your festivities?

Why is it important to set aside specific times devoted to praise and thanksgiving?

13. Consider some of the big moments in your life where you praised God. What happened?

What attributes were you reminded of?

What happens to our faith as we share those instances?

How might others be impacted by our sharing these moments?

Prayer Requests

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Thanksgiving
Nehemiah 12:27-43

What should I do with what I've heard today?

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

OCTOBER 7, 2018

THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. Who is someone you admire or are thankful for in your life?

Why are you grateful for him or her? List some reasons why you think of him or her in that way.

2. Is your life characterized by thankfulness?

What might a pattern of thankfulness (or lack thereof) indicate about the level of recognition of God's work in your life?

DIGGING DEEPER

READ PSALM 111:1

3. How is praise described here and what would that have looked like?

How does the description of praise in this verse compare to our typical expressions of praise?

4. When seasons of trial or doubt happen in your life, why is it important to offer praise in community?

How is the community of the church a reason for praise in and of itself?

READ PSALM 111:2-8

5. The word "work" is mentioned in almost every verse in this section. What are some of the attributes that the psalmist attached to God's work?

How did he describe them?

6. What are some specific, tangible examples of God's work for His people in the historical context of Israel?

What are some specific, tangible examples of God's work in your life?

7. What are some ways we could share with others how God has worked in our lives that might lead those who do not know God to think of Him in a praiseworthy way and desire to know Him?

READ PSALM 111:9-10

8. In his conclusion, the psalmist gave three main reasons to praise God. What are they?

9. Which of these three reasons for praise in verse 9 stands out to you?

Which are you most naturally drawn to?

10. What about God do you find awe-inspiring?

How might you intentionally meditate on the character and work of God, that you might be led to worship Him?

11. Why would the psalmist mention "the fear of the Lord" at the end of such a positive and uplifting psalm?

How do the characteristics and works of God help us understand that phrase?

How might "fear" in this instance help us grow closer to God while still maintaining a heart of joy and praise?