Summon the Sinner to Sing the Song of Salvation

Ps. 100:1–5

Psalm 100 calls the whole earth to worship the Lord with joyful, grateful participation. His character gives us lasting reasons to praise Him. When rightly done, your worship becomes a summons to the sinner to sing the song of salvation. Our thanksgiving points others toward the God who saves.

DISCOVER: Understand the Word

Psalm 100 begins with a summons to "all the earth" (Ps. 100:1). Israel's song invites the nations to acknowledge the Lord and join His worshipers. Its commands involve our voices, actions, presence, and affections: make a joyful noise, serve gladly, come singing, enter thankfully, offer praise, and bless His name. Worship calls for participation. The repeated invitations to come and enter picture people approaching God together. Their gratitude gives public expression to the joy of belonging to Him and invites others to share that joy.

The psalm grounds these commands in what we know about God. He is the Lord, our Maker, and the Shepherd of His people (Ps. 100:3). He is good, His steadfast love endures, and His faithfulness reaches every generation (Ps. 100:5). These truths sustain thanksgiving through difficult circumstances. The wider biblical witness identifies Jesus as the door through whom sinners come to salvation (John 10:7). Those reconciled to God through Christ receive the Spirit, who enables the thanksgiving God commands (Eph. 5:18–20).

Dig Deeper

1. What actions does Psalm 100:1–4 command, and what do the words describing those actions reveal about the kind of worship God desires?
2. How do the truths in Psalm 100:3, 5 explain the commands surrounding them? Which reasons speak most directly to someone struggling to give thanks?
3. How does the invitation to "all the earth" in Psalm 100:1 connect worship with witness? How does John 10:7 clarify the way sinners enter God's saving care?

DELIGHT: Treasure the Word

Consider the privilege of being invited into God's presence. The One who made you calls you to come, sing, and enjoy fellowship with Him. Your musical ability doesn't determine whether your voice belongs in the congregation. His invitation gives you reason to join in. Through Christ, guilty sinners receive forgiveness and peace with God. Remembering that mercy changes how we approach gathered worship. We come as people who have been welcomed, rescued, and loved. Glad service grows as we treasure the grace that brought us near.

A hard week can occupy so much of our attention that God's goodness slips from view. Psalm 100 directs our hearts toward what remains dependable: our Shepherd's care, enduring love, and faithful

character. He knows the people He made and tends those who belong to Him. We can bring real sorrows into His presence while thanking Him for these settled truths. As we tell one another what He has done, gratitude strengthens our fellowship. Others hear why His people keep singing, even through painful seasons.

Draw Nearer

1. When you gather with the church, what most often captures your attention? How might remembering God's invitation reshape your expectations and participation?
2. Which description of God in Psalm 100:3, 5 is especially precious in your present circumstances? What makes that truth difficult or comforting to trust?
3. What has God done for you through Christ that you've recently taken for granted? How could speaking about that mercy help another person treasure Him?

DEVOTE: Live the Word

Prepare to worship by remembering who God is and what He has done. Through Christ, you belong to a Shepherd whose goodness endures. Depend on the Holy Spirit to deepen your gratitude and move you toward glad participation. Let thanksgiving shape your preparation, your service, and your conversations, giving others a clear reason to consider the Savior.

Remember Before You Arrive. Read Psalm 100 each day this week and write down one reason it gives for thanksgiving. Review your list before gathering with the church.

Tell Someone His Goodness. Share one specific example of God's care with another believer this week. Invite someone who doesn't know Christ to worship with you, explaining why you're grateful for Him.

Ask for a Thankful Heart. Pray through Psalm 100:3, 5, thanking God for each truth about His character. Confess any reluctance to worship and ask the Spirit to help you serve and sing gladly.