

## **SOUNDTRACK: Encountering Jesus in the Songs of Scripture**

### **Week 12: Psalm 100**

**Introduction:** Psalm 100 is the only psalm with the title, “A Psalm of Thanksgiving.” The Hebrew word for thanksgiving literally means, confession (Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament, ed. by R. Laird Harris [Moody Press], 1:365). In this case, it means to confess God’s character and His works.

Psalm 100 is the “unclouded summit” (Psalms 73-150, by Derek Kidner [IVP], p. 355) that closes Psalms 93-100, which proclaim God as King. It overflows with the exuberant joy of those who know themselves to be God’s people.

Shout. Worship. Come. Know.

Enter. Give thanks. Praise him.

These seven commands form the backbone of one of the most instructive psalms on giving grateful praise to the Lord: Psalm 100.

**The Big Picture:** God is King! Anyone who believes this by faith is invited to draw near to God!

#### **Discussion:**

##### **Share:**

- What gets you super excited? How do you act when you are excited about this?

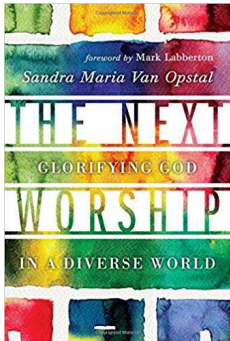
##### **Discuss:**

##### **Sermon Review:**

- Re-read Psalm 100.
- Review the sermon from this week. Write down any questions or thoughts that stand out to you as you review the sermon together. Discuss them as a group. Link: <https://www.cornerstonecrystal.org/messages/>
- According to this psalm, who is God and what is he like?
- This psalm also tells us about ourselves. According to this psalm, who are we?
- What things are we invited to do in response to God?
- Do you have a hard time expressing worship (raising hands, shouting joyfully, clapping, etc.)? Why do you think this?

- Pastor Jeremy discussed three ways that we worship well:
  - Outward focus that helps people who do not believe understand God better.
  - Joyfully—worship is a joyful act.
  - Lifestyle—worship is not limited to a Sunday gathering, but a 24-7, 168, 365 engagement with God who loves you most.
- Based on what you heard in the teaching, how is God inviting you to worship Him?

**Further Exploration on this Topic:**



*The Next Worship: Glorifying God in a Diverse World* by Sandra Maria Van Opstal

**From the Publisher:**

What happens when a diverse church glorifies the global God? We live in a time of unprecedented intercultural exchange, where our communities welcome people from around the world. Music and media from every culture are easily accessible, and our worship is infused with a rich variety of musical and liturgical influences. But leading worship in multicultural contexts can be a crosscultural experience for everybody. How do we help our congregations navigate the journey? Innovative worship leader Sandra Maria Van Opstal is known for crafting worship that embodies the global, multiethnic body of Christ. Likening diverse worship to a sumptuous banquet, she shows how worship leaders can set the table and welcome worshipers from every tribe and tongue. Van Opstal provides biblical foundations for multiethnic worship, with practical tools and resources for planning services that reflect God's invitation for all peoples to praise him. When multiethnic worship is done well, the church models reconciliation and prophetic justice, heralding God's good news for the world. Enter into the praise of our king, and let the nations rejoice!

NOTE: Christianity Today's 2017 Book of the Year Award of Merit - Church/Pastoral Leadership

Link: <https://www.amazon.com/Next-Worship-Glorifying-Diverse-World/dp/0830841296>