

## Psalm 84- My Reason to Praise



### *Start Talking. Conversation starter for your group.*

- What is your favorite song of all time? What are some of your favorite bands/genres/decades of music?
- Describe if/why music is so important to you.

### *Start Thinking.*

- Read **Psalm 84:1-4**. What are the various ways the Psalmist depicts his love for God? What do you think the Psalmist likes so much about God's dwelling place?
- Read **verse 3 again**. What is the Psalmist wanting you to know? Why is this verse important?
- In **verse 4**, the Psalmist writes that we should be singing God's praise continually. Why? What does praise do?
- Read **2 Chronicles 20:1-22**. How did the Lord tell Jehoshaphat that he would win the battle in **v. 17**? How did God fulfill this promise (**v. 21**)?
- Read **Psalm 84:6-10**. The Psalmist writes that as they were journeying to the tabernacle, they had to go through the Valley of Baca - "the Valley of weeping". Why is this important to remember?
- The people of the Old Testament had to journey to the tabernacle (and later the temple) to be in the presence of God. Read **1 Corinthians 3:16**. What does that mean? We don't journey to the tabernacle. Now what are we on a journey to?
- How does having a heavenly/eternal mindset help when you are in the valley of Baca?

### *Start Sharing.*

- Do you praise God? In what ways do you praise God? In what ways can your praise increase?
- What are some of the problems you are going through right now, that are robbing you of your praise and your awareness of God's presence?
- Pastor Chris said we must magnify the presence of God and not the problems of life. What are some practical ways to magnify the presence of God?

### *Start Doing.*

- This week, listen to more praise and worship music; on the way to work, as a family, in the car, at home, in the shower - wherever - learn to be a people of praise!