

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

"PSALM 150" ON AUGUST 11-14, 2022

CONNECT

How did last week's passage we read/discussed affect your week?

DISCOVER: PSALM 150

What did the passage say (in your own words) or what impacted you/did you take away from the sermon this week?

How does this passage or did the sermon point you to Jesus (teach us about Jesus)? Did you find anything challenging about this passage (words you didn't understand, phrases that didn't make sense, etc.)?

PSALM 150 – A SONG OF PRAISE! Let everyone and everything everywhere praise God in every way all the time! This is a psalm of excitement, praise, encouragement, and conviction that shows the world how great God is. Is this your song of praise each and every day?

- How often and how purposefully does your own praise of the Lord reflect the words and intent of Psalm 150?
- How much of your prayer life is focused on praising the goodness of God compared to addressing your needs and desires what is the primary focus of your prayers?

PSALM 150:1 Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens.

As followers of Christ, WE have become His sanctuary – God's Holy Spirit dwells within each of us.

- Are there praises in your 'inner sanctuary?' Do you wake up every day praising God for the gifts, abilities, and things He has given you, or are you more focused on what you don't have or difficult circumstances in your life?
- Why do you think praise matters to you personally and to those in the world you move in? How might life look different if praising God were the centerpiece of your life, family, and church?

PSALM 150:2 Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him for His surpassing greatness. Scripture offers us one example after another of God reaching out in love to rescue His people from impossible situations. We have all been rescued, and we all have a story to tell, a song to sing!

- What story of rescue or healing can you share that shows God's greatness and your thankfulness?
- What opportunities could you take to be an example to those around you, teaching others to be thankful and to notice AND acknowledge God's greatness?

PSALM 150:3-5 These verses describe a variety of ways to praise God using many different instruments. God has created us for the purpose of praising Him, and He has equipped us to do so! He has given each of us gifts and abilities intended for us to use to bring Him glory – to show others who He is! There is no gift or ability that is too insignificant to be used in His kingdom!

- What 'instrument' God has given you are you using to pour your life into people or a ministry that represents the goodness of God and draws people to want to know more of who He is?
- How willing would you be to offer up a gift or ability God has given you that you might have considered insignificant or not enough but that God might be calling you to trust Him to put to work for His glory?

PSALM 150:6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

- Praises of God's people are what draws people to know who God is!
- How do you think worshiping God in the way Psalm 150 describes might draw people to God?
- If we want to see this community know Jesus, we need to sing our song of praise loudly and clearly! What song do you sing?
- What influence does Psalm 150 (and all the psalms we have studied this summer!) have on the way you have been giving praise to God?



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RESPOND

- How does this passage encourage you, challenge you, or change you in your efforts to become more like Jesus?
- What is one thing you learned about yourself from God's Word? How will you respond in obedience this week?
- Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you at a CU Church gathering.

PRAY

... for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.