

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Praise Prepares The Way

INTO THE BIBLE

So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city.

Joshua 6:20 ESV

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalms 100:1-5 NIV

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 NIV

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Psalms 34:8 ESV

After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

Acts 16:23-25 NIV

SERMON TAKEAWAYS

PRAISE PREPARES THE WAY

1. Praise Is A Spiritual Weapon

(Psalm 149:6; Ephesians 6:12; 2 Corinthians 10:3-4)

2. Praise Brings God's Presence Into Our Situation

(Psalm 22:3, 34:1-3, 8, 50:23)

3. When We Praise God We Are Fighting The Battle Spiritually So We Can Win Physically

(2 Chronicles 20:22-24; Acts 16:22-26)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was your biggest takeaway from the sermon? What are some ways you plan to apply it to your life?

2. Have you ever experienced a stronghold in your life? If so, what was it and how did it turn out?

3. How did this sermon change your perspective on praise? Will there be anything different about how you praise moving forward?

4. Pastor Matt said, "Be very careful about how much stock you put into what you can physically see". How does this change your approach to life and your relationship with God?

PRAYER FOCUS

What battles are you facing? What has you worried? Praise God for the victory that He will give you! Don't wait for the answer, but praise the answer into existence!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THRIVE MARRIAGE CONFERENCE - September 17-18, 2021

Make plans to join us for this year's Thrive Marriage Conference. We will hear from the New York Times best-selling authors Les and Leslie Parrott. We also will have Ted Cunningham, founder pastor of Woodland Hills Church in Branson, Missouri. Ted has written and co-written several books. His latest release is "A Love That Laughs." For more information or to register please visit <https://event-39306-a081.pushpayevents.com/booking/attendees/new>