



Faith Community Church
Reverence
(Psalms, Part 6)

Faith Group Questions
& Discussion Guide



🙏 **Opening Prayer:** Worship God for His holiness. Ask for His presence to lead us to awe and reverence,.

🧊 **Icebreaker:** Share a time when you visited a place (like a historic monument, a cathedral, or a quiet national park) where you instantly felt a natural sense of awe or quiet respect. What made that place feel different?

🔑 **Key Points**

1. **God's Absolute Holiness Demands Our Reverence:** God is perfectly pure, sacred, and holy, which naturally forces us to examine how we approach His presence.
2. **Access to God Is Granted Only Through Jesus:** Because God is entirely holy and we are unholy, we cannot earn our way into His presence; Jesus bridged the gap on the cross by exchanging His righteousness for our sin.
3. **True Faith Is Reflected in Our Daily Actions:** A life transformed by God's grace shows reverence through a blameless walk, truth-filled words, and ways that honor Christ through practical love for others.
4. **We Are the Temple of the Holy Spirit:** God does not dwell in buildings made by human hands, but within believers—we carry His holy presence wherever we go.

💬 **Discussion Questions**

1. Did you take off your mask, practice an "Until" shift, or identify your "portion?"
2. David asks, "Lord, who may dwell in your sanctuary?" In our fast-paced modern culture, what makes it challenging to maintain a daily sense of awe and reverence for God? (Ecc 5:2, 1 Samuel 2:29-30, Heb 12:28-29)
3. Looking at the tragic story of Uzzah in 2 Samuel 6:1-9, how does understanding God's absolute holiness change the way we view our daily approach to Him in prayer and worship?

4. The message highlighted that Jesus gave us access to God by exchanging His righteousness for our unrighteousness (2 Corinthians 5:21). How does grasping this truth protect us from both self-righteous pride and overwhelming guilt when we fail? (Heb 4:14-16; 10:19-23)
5. In verse 2, David talks about "walking blamelessly" and living with integrity. What does it look like in practical, everyday terms for someone's public life to completely match their private life? (Ephesians 4:25-32)
6. Proverbs 18:21 says the tongue holds the power of life and death. How can we as a small group actively guard our words against subtle gossip or slander and instead use our speech to build others up? (Prov 10:21,31, Romans 10:14-15)
7. Verse 3 calls us to do "no evil to a neighbor." How does viewing every person as an image-bearer of God change how we treat difficult neighbors, coworkers, or family members? (Luke 10:25-37)
8. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 3:16 & 6:18-20 that we are now God's temple. How should the realization that God's Spirit lives inside you impact the environments you enter and the decisions you make throughout the week?



Practical Applications

1. Conduct a Words Check: Before speaking, posting online, or texting this week, practice pausing to ask: "Is this true, is it loving, and will it build this person up?" Choose to speak words of hope and encouragement instead of criticism.
2. Engage in One Act of Neighborly Kindness: Identify one person in your sphere of influence—a physical neighbor, a coworker, or a classmate—and serve them in a concrete, unconditional way (e.g., offering help, bringing a meal, or sending an encouraging note). Choose someone who CAN'T pay you back.
3. Practice a Daily "Awe Pause": Set a quick daily reminder on your phone to pause for two minutes, acknowledge God's holiness, thank Jesus for giving you access to the Father, and ask the Holy Spirit to guide your steps for the rest of the day.



Closing Prayer: Father, renew in us the reverence and awe we must have for a perfectly holy God. Help our daily actions to display that reverence. In Jesus' Name.