

Bible Study Questions

"Give Thanks to...Who?"

Focus

We should give thanks to God because in Jesus Christ He has shown just how fully and lovingly committed He is to His people in all that He does.

Read

[Psalm 136](#)

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As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Questions for Review

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage – for example:
 - What's the context? (Where are we in this book of the Bible; the Old Testament; and the Bible as a whole?)
 - Who are the people and/or situations that this passage is addressing?
 - What clues are there about the author and his circumstances?
 - Is there a conflict or high point in this passage? (What is the structure of this passage that builds to that point?)
 - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday's sermon?
 - What surprises are there in this passage?
2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you'd like to discuss?

Questions for Reflection and Application

(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

1. What are your first impressions of this Psalm and the repetitive nature of it?

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2. What does it tell us about God's character, as well as His creating and redeeming work that underlying everything is this truth that 'his steadfast love endures forever'?
3. Would you describe yourself as usually being a grateful person or as someone who more often struggles with giving thanks? Is giving thanks to God a regular part of your communication with God?
4. Consider the goodness and greatness of God, including how it points us to Jesus. In what way can you thank God for who He is?
5. Consider the wonders of God's creating work, including how it points us to Jesus. What can you thank Him for?
6. Consider the wonders of God's redeeming work – both to His people of old and to you personally in the death and resurrection of Jesus. What can you thank Him for?
7. One of the ways we can glorify and honor God (Romans 1:21) is by publicly giving Him thanks. Take some time to share with each other some things that you haven't yet mentioned for which you're grateful to God.

Ongoing questions to ask of any passage:

1. How does the gospel inform your understanding and application of this passage?
2. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He's like? If so, how so?
3. In light of studying this passage, is there any behavior or attitude that you need to personally address in your life? If so, how specifically will you address it?
4. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?