

2023



PURSUIT! **WEEK**



KINGDOM CITY
C H U R C H

DAY 7 PRAISE

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 9:1-11 NLT

I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done. I will be filled with joy because of you. I will sing praises to your name, O Most High. My enemies retreated; they staggered and died when you appeared. For you have judged in my favor; from your throne you have judged with fairness. You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the wicked; you have erased their names forever. The enemy is finished, in endless ruins; the cities you uprooted are now forgotten. But the Lord reigns forever, executing judgment from his throne. He will judge the world with justice and rule the nations with fairness. The Lord is a shelter for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, O Lord, do not abandon those who search for you. Sing praises to the Lord who reigns in Jerusalem. Tell the world about his unforgettable deeds.

OBSERVATION

Praise is declaring the truth of who God is and then passionately thanking Him for it. When we do this we can know we are in God's presence. Daily gratitude expressed to God in this way is vital to living a life that worships in spirit and truth. The message translation says it like this: "Enter with the password: "Thank you!" Make yourselves at home, talking praise. Thank him. Worship him." *Psalm 100:4 (MSG)*

APPLICATION

- 1. What has praising God looked like in your daily life this past year? How about your gratitude?*
- 2. What do you believe God may be leading you to grow in right now regarding your praise and thanksgiving?*
- 3. Who is someone in your life you can share this with to help you grow in this way?*

PRAYER

God, I come before you saying "thank you" for who You are. You are good and your love endures forever! Your faithfulness never runs out in my life! Thank you for your presence, the Holy Spirit, given to lead and guide me into all truth. I recognize that your presence is not limited to a feeling or a moment, but that you are always with me and you never leave me. May your praise be on my lips in every season and may my life be planted in your house forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOCUS

- For passionate praise and thanksgiving to increase in my life
- For fear of man to be lifted, for the Holy Spirit to move and for God's glory to be made manifest
- For doors of influence in our city to open for our church and in our personal lives so the gospel of Jesus can be shared
- For unity across every Jesus proclaiming church in our city

BLESSING

Thus you will walk in the ways of the good and keep to the paths of the righteous. For the upright will live in the land, and the blameless will remain in it.

-Proverbs 2:20-21 NIV