

# Shout Joyfully

## Psalm 100

### Into the Lesson:

Considering the season, spend some time filling in the follow acrostics focusing first on the attributes of God for which you are THANKFUL. And secondly, the attributes within the Body of Christ at V.C.C. for which we are THANKFUL (there was a time when I would have included Mod Podge and glitter):

T	T
H	H
A	A
N	N
K	K
F	F
U	U
L	L

Spend some time in a prayer of thanksgiving for both the above.

(Editorial note: after "travelling at warp speed" do we land or simply transport down to earth?)

### Into the Word:

As Lane mentioned many consider the "Psalms as the soul's medicine chest". Before reading Psalm 100, read a few of the others that have been a source of comfort, healing and celebration throughout the ages:

Psalm 23-  
Psalm 32:1-7-  
Psalm 42:5-11-  
Psalm 47-  
Psalm 150 (had to give a "shout out" to the Praise Band)-

From commentaries or bible footnotes what can we discern about the Name of God (YHWH) as found in:

Genesis 2:4-  
Exodus 3:14-  
Exodus 6:6-  
Leviticus 11:44-45-

Now as you read Psalm 100 take note of the verses that point to:

"An invitation to joyful worship..."-  
"An invitation to thankful praise..."-  
"The foundation of Worship..."-  
"The Lord is good..."-

Read Leviticus 7:12-17 and comment on what an "old school" thanksgiving offering looked like.

### Into Life:

In his sermon, Lane pointed out, "...knowledge is the basis of Praise and thanksgiving". Contrast the celebrations we see in stadiums on any given Saturday or Sunday with the concept of Biblical Praise.

Apart from eleven of our young Timothy's painting JESUS IS LORD on their chests, is there anything wrong with a bit of exuberance in our worship?

What might that look like in our day-to-day experience?

What eternal impact might come because of inviting a neighbor to our Thanksgiving Dinner (wish I was there)?

What will the church look like because of the, "...spontaneous acknowledgement of what is valuable"? It's who we, care to join in?

**But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. - 1 Peter 2:9-10**