

# Songs of Joy – Psalm 96

## Getting Started

- What does it mean to praise?
- Is there any difference between worshipping and praising God?
- Is there any biblical example you can think of where it is NOT a good time to praise God?
- What are different ways/methods you've heard about people praising God?

## Read Psalm 96 together

God regularly asks His people to praise Him. Is our God needy or a narcissist?  
How would you respond to someone who might ask this of you?

There are many benefits to praising God. Can you brainstorm some together as you look at this passage?

1. Praising God helps others to know God.
    - a. How is this so? Do you have any examples from your own life?
  2. Praising God demolishes the power of idols in our lives.
    - a. What do we put in the place of God in our society?
    - b. What do we put in the place of God in our own lives?
  3. Praising God gives us God's perspective on things in our life.
    - a. How would this be helpful to you this week?
  4. Praising God is future focussed.
- How might we praise God better as we consider these benefits of praising God?
    - Write down some practical ways to do this better as individuals or together

## Praise together

- Use the list of reasons to praise God to help you now praise him together as a group
- Ask God to help us as a church and you as an individual to praise him more fully using some of the ideas discussed