

# Thanksgiving Sunday: 11.24.24

Psalm 100

## BELONG

**Ask this Ice Breaker Question: What is your favorite Thanksgiving tradition?**

## BELIEVE

**Have someone in your group read aloud the key passage listed above**

- 1. What do you think it means to make a joyful noise to the Lord? In the New Living Translation, this verse reads "Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!" What comes to mind when you think of "shouting with joy?"**
- 2. The word "serve" in Psalm 100:2 here can be read "Work". How do worship and work go together? Do you find this challenging in your everyday life? Why or why not? Give an example of how you can worship through work. (Colossians 3:17 is a good Cross Reference)**

Leader Context (Can be read aloud):

Psalm 100 is closely tied to the story of the Pilgrims coming to the New World. "After sixty-five days at sea from Plymouth, the Pilgrims caught a glimpse of their destination, the new land where God would be worshiped freely and—in time—where freedom would flourish. Shouting for joy and falling to their knees to pray, they celebrated by reading Psalm 100." *Thanksgiving a Time to Remember*, Barbara Rainey

- 3. The Pilgrims were moved by God's providence and protection, and they could not help but fall to their knees to worship God. What part of God's character moves you toward gratitude the most?**

Leader Context (Not to be read aloud):

"His people" is the central word of the poem, having 20 words before and after it. That we are "his people" is the heart of the psalm." The writer wants us to know that the God of the universe who made us cares for His people (like a shepherd cares for his sheep).

## BECOME:



**Question to discuss:**

- 1. What has God done this year that has brought you joy?**
- 2. How has God taken care of you this year?**
- 3. What is at the top of your thankful list this year?**
- 4. Where have you seen evidence of God's goodness, love, and faithfulness in 2024?**

**Close by reading Psalm 23 and praying together.**

