

GIVING THANKS IN THE CONGREGATION

Psalms 107

LET THE REDEEMED OF THE LORD SAY SO

It is easy to forget where God has brought us from. Here in Psalm 107, it says that if we recognize that God's steadfast love has been good to us, we should recall that and say so. Giving thanks is a necessary discipline that we must do continually in order to remind ourselves when we have "selective memory" concerning God's faithfulness.

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This psalm describes four different types of circumstances that people get into, and what they did in the midst of it. More importantly, it tells us what God's response was.

1. Wandering Empty and Apart from God and His People: vs. 4-9

This person is one that has been wandering through life, finding nowhere to settle. This person can't find a "city to dwell in." Ultimately, this "city" speaks of Christ, but also as the people of God, as Zion is the City of God that represents God unified with His people. This person wanders and is hungry and thirsty.

2. Rebellion that Brings Isolation: vs. 10-16

This person has become a prisoner of their own sin. They willfully rebel against God's Word, and went against His Wisdom. God, in turn, brings about consequences that were difficult, so much so, that they were left in isolation.

3. Sin Brought Suffering and Near Death: vs. 17-22

Similar to the previous person, this one had their sin take them further than they planned, and they even suffered physical and tangible affliction. They couldn't even eat, maybe because sickness or just loss of appetite, and even were brought near to death. Sometimes, our sin has actual health consequences, like addictions, some diseases like STD's, etc.

4. Storms of Life: vs. 23-32

This person was going about life, doing business, maybe providing for a family, but all of this was done in their own strength. God brought about a storm, and it devastated their life. Everything was gone, and it was out of their control, and not necessarily because of sin. They came to their wit's end, as their own abilities had dried up.

ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER

**Jesus didn't die to make bad people good,
but to make dead people alive.**

Ephesians 5.18-21 // Colossians 3.12-17



NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Psalms 107:21-22

'Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!'

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Katie McGinty** at katie@lifemission.tv

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders** stay in the service with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school. Our **mid-week High School Ministry meets once a month** here at Classical Academy, in the Study Hall. Email **Casey Barnes** at casey@lifemission.tv for info about meeting dates/times or questions about our student ministries.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Psalms 107**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday? _____

Which of these four types of people described have you related to, or maybe currently feel like you relate to? How did your response compare to the response given ("Then they cried to the Lord...")? _____

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Read **Colossians 3.12-17**. How does the truth from this and **Psalms 107**, as well as the sermon, point you back to Christ? What particular truth can help keep you focused on the Gospel? _____

What is a past situation that happened in your life where somehow the exhortation, encouragement, or testimony of others helped you to have a "Then they cried to the Lord" type of response to that hard time? Also, what is a current situation you are in that this truth can be applied to, and how? _____

Repent and Confess

What do you see in this truth that exposes a particular sin or behavior in your life? _____

Ask for Provision

In light of this truth and confession, what do you need to ask for from the Lord? What fruit of the Spirit are you needing? _____

Your Life Mission

Before you close the group with prayer, what opportunities are coming up that you could use prayer for as it pertains to sharing your faith and intentionally engaging with others with a Gospel focus and goal? Are there any prayer requests or encouragements from the Christmas holiday that you could share? _____

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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**MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.**

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New Year!

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