

## INTRO

This is our final week in our Summer in the Psalms series. We've looked at multiple genres of Psalms from lament to wisdom to praise psalms.

**As you reflect on this series, has there been a sermon, discussion or experience with God over the last few weeks that has been particularly impactful for you?**

**If so, share more with your Life Group.**

Rob ended the series by looking at a Creation Psalm. Psalm 148 is a call to all of Creation - all of the Cosmos - above and below - to praise Yahweh, the Creator.

**What stood out to you from the sermon this week?**

## IDEA 1

Read Psalm 148 together

**What are some of the reasons that the Psalmist gives for praising the Lord?**

**Where have you seen creation praising the Lord? Has there been a moment in nature recently where you've seen the glory of God revealed? Describe what that was like to your group.**

**If you were to add some more of your own reasons to this Psalm for praising the Lord, what would those be?**

## IDEA 2

To understand this Psalm, as is often the case, we have to look at the full arc and story of Scripture.

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Hannah (1 Samuel 2), Mary and Zechariah (Luke 1) all prophetically spoke of and anticipated the messianic King, the horn of salvation that Psalm 148 speaks of. Jesus is the fulfillment of what the people sang in Psalm 148 generations earlier!

**What is your reaction to Jesus being the fulfillment of promises sang of generations earlier?**

**Has there been any Scriptures that have been spoken/prophesied over you in your past that have been brought to fulfillment in your life? Are there any words that you are still waiting on to be fulfilled?**

## SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

"The word Hallelujah has evolved over the years. We often use it as a word of praise to God in itself, but its actual meaning is an imperative to those in the collective community - an invitation - to come and Praise Yahweh."

**Invite each other now into praising the Lord.** You may like to:

- Print off the lyrics to a worship song and sing praise together
- Create a collective praise Psalm by asking each person in the room to finish the following sentence "Praise the name of the Lord, for..."
- Share testimonies of praise of God's goodness, presence and answered prayers in your life
- Go on a walk together outside and call out the things in creation that you see that bring praise to God

## NEXT STEPS

As you reflect on your discussion and consider what it looks like for you to put this sermon into practice:

**How is God inviting you to praise him this week? Where is he calling you to join in with creation and worship him?**