

## Week 6: Worshipping Together

Welcome to Small Groups!

Remember, although this is the final week of the Together study, next week we are having Common Ground! Make sure you plan on coming to that and bring a friend!

We are also going to be doing 3 weeks of the Alpha small group series: Life Shared. These will run November 13, 20, and 27. Everyone is welcome.

### Connecting Time:

Go around the circle, and have each person share about their dream vacation. Where would you go, what would you do, who would you bring along?

### Study Time:

Psalm 134 (New King James Version)

1 Behold, bless the Lord,  
All *you* servants of the Lord,  
Who by night stand in the house of the Lord!  
2 Lift up your hands *in* the sanctuary,  
And bless the Lord.  
3 The Lord who made heaven and earth  
Bless you from Zion!

Psalm 134 (The Message)

**1-3** Come, bless God,  
all you servants of God!  
You priests of God, posted to the nightwatch  
in God's shrine,  
Lift your praising hands to the Holy Place,  
and bless God.  
In turn, may God of Zion bless you—  
God who made heaven and earth!

Psalm 18:1-3 (New King James Version)

1 I will love You, O Lord, my strength.  
2 The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;  
My God, my [a]strength, in whom I will trust;  
My shield and the [b]horn of my salvation,  
my stronghold.  
3 I will call upon the Lord, *who is worthy* to be praised;  
So shall I be saved from my enemies.

Psalm 18:1-3 (The Message)

**1-2** I love you, God—  
you make me strong.  
God is bedrock under my feet,  
the castle in which I live,  
my rescuing knight.  
My God—the high crag  
where I run for dear life,  
hiding behind the boulders,  
safe in the granite hideout.  
**3** I sing to God, the Praise-Lofty,  
and find myself safe and saved

## Discussion Time:

1. On Sunday, Rudy outlined three ways that we are called to by God to bless him; through praise, worship, and prayer.

Here are examples of the difference between praise & worship:

Praising God: "Thank you, you're wonderful"

Worshipping God: "I love you LORD, magnify your name here in this place and in my life"

Discuss together how we can praise and how we can worship God in our daily life? How does this ultimately affect our relationship with Him?

2. There are benefits to praising God. Psalm 103:2 says: "Bless the LORD O my soul, and forget not all his benefits". Take a few moments to discuss what some of those benefits might be. Here are some examples:
  1. The Lord takes pleasure in you, when you praise God. (Zephaniah 3:17: "[The Lord] will exult over you with loud singing")
  2. God will give you peace, rest, and authority in troubling circumstances.
  3. Praising God is contagious to those around us.
3. We believe that two tools that God has given us as weapons against principalities and powers are prayer and worship. Reflect on Revelation 4:1-11, and 8:4. There we see the throne room, where God is being worshipped, and our prayers in his presence. How does this change your outlook on your prayer and worship life?
3. Rudy gave us a challenge to practice praising God. It can be easier to cry out to God on a Sunday morning, but it's not always in our nature to cry out to God in worship throughout the week. How can you practice praising God this week?
4. A French strategist, Ferdinand Foch said: "The most powerful weapon on earth is a human soul on fire." Do you believe this? How can our worship to God change the community around us and should it?