

5. What kind of habits change our hearts toward God?

SERIES: A Kingdom Established (Gospel Project)

SERMON 13: "The Praises of God's People"

TEXT: Psalm 100

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What do you know needs to change in your life right now, but you've discovered you can't _____ it?

6. What new habits do you need to develop in your relationship with God?

What do you need when you can't change what needs to change in your life?

1. The right kind of _____.

Psalms like this one not only described what happened in ancient Hebrew worship; it _____ what should happen.

A Call to Action and Effort:

- Make _____
- S_____ the Lord
- G_____ for worship
- S_____

7. How can you get help to practice those habits?

The kind of right effort is an effort of _____.

2. A change of mind and _____.

There's a _____ to the effort.

To walk through the doors of the place we gather for worship with joy, gladness, gratitude, and awe requires cultivating those attitudes while we were _____.

8. Looking back over this week's sermon and study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and apply.

Only God can change a heart, but a transformed heart that results in sustained change in our lives never happens with the _____. He always calls us to _____ with him.

God changes us by...

- Sharing _____ that renews our minds.

- Prescribing _____ that change our hearts.

"You can't just think your way to new hungers." (James K.A. Smith)

The renewal of the mind needs new habits that will _____ the heart.

Deepening your relationship with God requires being _____.

3. A supporting _____.

You can't undo old ways of thinking and ingrained bad habits _____.

The most important things that happen when we gather are those which equip us for life when we _____.

"Our sanctification—the process of becoming holy and Christlike—is more like a Weight Watchers program than listening to a book on tape. If sanctification is tantamount to closing the gap between what I know and what I do, ...it means changing what I want. And that requires submitting ourselves to disciplines and regimens that reach down into our deepest habits. The Spirit of God meets us in that space—in that gap—not with lightning bolts of magic but with the concrete practices...that conscript our bodily habits." (James K.A. Smith)

Family Discussion Questions:

1. What are some tools our family currently uses to help us focus on God's Word and fellowship with him through prayer?
2. How can we constantly go before God with an attitude of delight and joy and not simply as a duty we need to perform?
3. How do the Psalms help us remember God's faithfulness?

CHRIST CONNECTION

The psalms cover the spectrum of life. We praise God for His goodness and grace, we confess our sin, and we lament the brokenness of this world. When Jesus came, he stepped into the pain and brokenness of this world and sang these psalms with his people. But Jesus not only sings the psalms; he is the King whom these psalms are ultimately about.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Read Psalm 100. What are the actions it calls forth from God's people?
3. Effort is required in worship. What is the difference between good effort and bad effort in our relationship with God?
4. Why is effort not enough?

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Why can we trust God?