

	<p>A Psalm of Thanksgiving: Psalm 100</p>
 BIG IDEA	<p>The way we worship matters, and we should enter His presence with joy, confidence, and thanksgiving, regardless of our circumstances.</p>
 ICE BREAKER	<p>When was a time you felt pure, uncontrollable joy? Share!</p>
 MAIN POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Joy is not dependent on circumstances ● Does your worship reflect your joy? ● Gratitude is like a gate: it welcomes you and it protects you ● There are two types of people: complainers and worshipers ● Choose to be a worshiper and full of gratitude.
 DISCUSS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What most stood out to you from the message this week? 2. How is biblical joy different from happiness? 3. Have you experienced a time when you had joy despite difficult circumstances? Share. 4. What do you find holds you back from being more engaged in worship of God? 5. In what ways can you be more intentional about expressing gratitude to God? 6. Pastor Mark Batterson said there are two defaults people have: to be a complainer or a worshiper. What is your default? How can knowing that inform your daily life? 7. Share a few things you are thankful for.
 NEXT STEP	<p>Pastor Shan encouraged us to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notice something to be thankful for 2. Pause to acknowledge this as a reminder of God's presence 3. Choose to focus on God's presence until His peace is unleashed
 SCRIPTURE	<p>Psalm 100 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.</p>
 NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEAK	<p>Join us next week and invite a friend as we start our Christmas series: The First Christmas!</p>