

Psalms of Praise

For this learning experience, you will be working in a group of three students. Your group will be assigned one of the following psalms. Please circle the psalm your group is assigned.

Psalm 95

Psalm 111

Psalm 138

Psalm 97

Psalm 112

Psalm 145

Psalm 103

Psalm 115

Psalm 104

Psalm 116

Small-Group Directions

1. Select one of the students in your group to read your assigned psalm aloud as others follow along in their Bibles.
2. Discuss the following questions as a group. Record your responses below.
 - What expression of honor or praise is used throughout the psalm? (This phrase may be considered the refrain when the psalm is used in liturgy.)
 - Why does the psalmist give thanks? For what is he grateful?
 - What does the psalmist tell you about God and his relationship to God?
 - Does giving honor and glory to God benefit God or the one who is giving thanks? Explain your answer.
3. Write a short (six to eight verses) psalm of gratitude that would come from the heart of a young person today. Identify a refrain for your psalm to be shared in class. Legibly and creatively write the words to your psalm and illustrate it on the paper provided.

