

# Discussion Guide

questions to help start or continue conversations about faith

*Discussion Guides accompany the weekly message.*

**Passage: Psalm 96**

## **Observation (look at the text):**

- v. 1 – What kind of song are we instructed to sing to the LORD?
- v. 1 – Who is instructed to sing this song to the LORD?
- v. 2-10 – What should we sing to the LORD about?
- v. 11-12 – In addition to human voices, what will sing to the LORD?
- v. 13 – How will the LORD bring judgment?

## **Interpretation (understand what it means):**

- Read Exodus 14:30-31 and Exodus 15:1-2. Why did Moses and the people of Israel sing a new song to the LORD?
- Read Judges 4:23-24 and Judges 5:1-3, 12. Why did Deborah and Barak sing a new song to the LORD? What did Deborah and Barak instruct themselves to do in verse 12? Why is this important?
- Read Luke 1:39-55. Why did Mary speak a new song of praise to the LORD?
- Read Luke 19:37-40. Why did the disciples of JESUS raise their voices and sing a new song of praise to the LORD? What did Jesus say the rocks would do if His disciples remained quiet? What is the significance of this according to Psalm 96 v.11-12?

## **Application (apply the Word of God to life):**

- From Moses to Deborah to David to Mary to the disciples, to you right now, God is always working. When you see the LORD working in your life, doing something new, how do you respond?
- Psalm 96 gives us at least 18 reasons to sing a new song to the LORD.
  - o Is the Lord working in your life right now in any of these ways that makes you want to sing a new song?
  - o Is there a way the Lord is working in your life that is not listed here in Psalm 96 that makes you want to sing a new song?
- Read Zephaniah 3:17. The LORD rejoices over you with loud singing. How will you respond? What new song will you sing to the LORD today?