

Great Praise

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Mark 10:43-45. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servants, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Jesus never said it is wrong to desire to be _____ in the kingdom.
Jesus just said the only way to be great in the kingdom – be a _____.

What is _____?
We have Bible _____ of great praise.

Offerings for the Temple in Jerusalem – 1Chronicles 29:10-13

The foundation of the rebuilt temple – Ezra 3:10, 11

Dedication of the rebuilt wall in Jerusalem – Nehemiah 12:27, 43

Worship in heaven – Revelation 19:1, 5, 6

But can't you have great praise _____?

Luke 2:28-30. Simeon took him in his arms and praised God saying, "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation..."

What makes great praise is a great _____

Ps 48:1. Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise...

Psalm 145:3. Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

Psalm 150:2. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

The theme of great praise is the _____ of God.

If you want to give God great praise, just start telling him all of his great _____.

Deuteronomy 10:17, 20, 21. For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome... Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. He is your praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes.

_____ is your _____!

Praising God to great music, in a great crowd on a great occasion is awesome. But you can have great praise quietly – along – with no music at all – anytime. Because great praise is not about us – our volume, our style or quality of music. It's about our great God – so tell him and give him

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Connecting with Friends:

1. When you were a child, what was one thing that really got you excited?
2. What kind of music do you like to listen to?

Growing through God's Word:

1. Read Psalm 100, 103, and 150. Discuss praise as described in these 33 verses. Look for variety in the ways to praise the Lord and discuss it with your group. List reasons why we should praise God.

2. Talk with your Life Group about the ways in which you like to Praise the Lord. What positions do you like to praise the Lord in? Are there any particular places you go if you want to praise the Lord with all your soul?

3. What point from the weekend's lesson stands out in your memory?

4. In what way do you need to practical apply "great praise" to your life? How can we quiet the busyness of our lives to better engage ourselves in a lifestyle of praising God?

Caring for one another in prayer:

1. For me personally, I need to praise God for/in/with...
2. Pray for the Spring Break Day Camp outreach this week. Pray for safety on the campus and the Bible Club time follow the Day Camp.
3. Pray for the Heaven's Gates and Hell's flames teams. Especially pray for the "word" to start getting out about the drama – April 12-14, 2009. Will you tell somebody?