

Small Group Study Questions

As you reflect on the message from this week, was there anything you heard for the first time? Was there something said that challenged you or confused you?

Getting to Know You

1. What's the story, significance, or meaning behind your name?

Digging Deeper

The name of God—YHWH, the LORD—was the treasure of God's people, Israel, for generations. God's people invoked the name to seek him and his mercy and to remind them who this God was who made his covenant with them. The Psalms are full of songs that give praise to the LORD for who he was and what he has done for his people.

Psalm 145, written by David, is one those songs of praise to the LORD. Read this passage carefully and prayerfully as you answer the following questions. Also, feel free to pause between the questions to do what the passage says by offering up prayers of praise to God in response to what you read and discuss.

2. David says in verses 1-3 that he will exalt, bless, and praise God's name because it is great. What are some things you know about God that cause you to praise his greatness?
3. Verses 4-7 talk about passing on the testimonies and stories about the LORD's great works from one generation to another. What are some of the stories of your experiences with God's greatness that you would want to pass on to the next generation? Why do you think it is important to pass on these stories?
4. Verses 8-9 directly quote God's revelation of his name and character to Moses from Exodus 34:6. What stands out to you the most about God's "introduction" of himself to his people? Are these characteristics about God what you think about first when you consider him? Do you think most people view God this way? Why or why not?
5. Verses 10-12 says "they" (your saints) will tell others about the LORD's glory, kingdom, power, and deeds. What do you think motivates God's people to talk about him with others who do not know him?

6. Verses 13–20 lists multiple deeds of the LORD for which he is praiseworthy. Which verse resonates with your heart the most for why you would praise the LORD? Be prepared to share this with your group!

Live It Out

To know the Lord's name is our greatest treasure. The God of the universe wants to be in personal relationship with you, and he has given you his name so you could know him forever! What a thought!

Psalm 145:21 says, "My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever."

7. When we consider the greatness and goodness of God's name, we should want to talk about him with others. However, what are some obstacles that keep you from sharing his name? What are some ways you could keep his name fresh in your mind and heart so that when the time comes, you are ready to open your mouth to speak about him?
8. Who is one person you know right now that does not have a relationship with the Lord? What is one thing you treasure about knowing his name that you would want to share with that person? Pray right now for the "ones" in your group—that you would each be ready to share and praise the Lord's name to your ones and that they would be open to calling upon his name for salvation.

Prayer Requests

One of the most significant ways we grow spiritually together is to pray for one another each week. Use this section to write down the requests of those in your group so you can remember to pray for them throughout the week. Remember: *what is shared in your group should stay in your group.*
