

Message-based Study

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Connection

What is your favorite Christmas candy or cookie?

Cheer and Challenge

- How did it go living out your "I will..." statement from last week? Share your experience.
- Tell about any experiences you had this week following through on the B.L.E.S.S. challenge.

Content

The thrill of hope comes when we recognize that God is God and we praise Him for yesterday, today, and for what He will do in the future.

1. ***Praise for Yesterday***

Read Isaiah 25:9. Just as Isaiah did, fill in the sentence below by taking your past and let it form your faith in the present.

"I _____ in God and now I will _____."

2. ***Praise for Today***

Read Isaiah 30:18. What is God's promise in this verse? What do we have to do as we praise Him for today?

3. ***Praise on Layaway***

Read Isaiah 35:5-8. Sometimes we need to trust God and in faith put a "down payment" of praise now for a redeeming of what God will do in the future. From this Scripture, write down all the beautiful actions that God will do His people.

Read Isaiah 61:10-11. Why is Isaiah overwhelmed with praise for the LORD? Write all the ways below.

4. ***Praise on Display***

The Magnificat - Luke 1:46-55

Read this out loud, and as you do, write down all the actions that speak of what God has done.

How does your soul glorify God?

Zechariah's Prophecy - Luke 1:67-79

Read this out loud, and as you do, write down the promised prophecy that speaks to you the most.

The Shepherds and Angels - Luke 2:8-14

Read this out loud. Did the majesty of God ever overwhelm you that then caused you to praise God spontaneously? Share your experience below.

Commitment

From today's message on praising God, what can you do to make praising God a regular part of your life? Write what you will do below.

"I will _____."



Begin with prayer. Listen with care. Eat / Engage with another. Serve. Share your story.

Christmas is a time for sharing with those around us. Take time this week to **share your story** of praise for God and what He has done in your life with someone who needs to have the hope that God gives.