

Read/Observe

- Mon: **Psalms 18**- Note the military images in this psalm. How might these be seen both literally for those who have served or metaphorically for those fighting other types of battles.
- Tues: **Psalms 19**- This psalm describes many different ways that God's glory is communicated. How have you heard or shared that recently?
- Wed: **Psalms 69**-Note this psalm's shift from plea to praise. Where is that shift at? How have you seen a similar shift happen in situation within your life? How do trials deepen our praise?
- Thur: **Psalms 96**-How is the tone of this praise different than the others we have read this week? How do you feel about praising God's judgment of humanity?
- Fri: **Psalms 113**- How does this psalm express the completeness of God's presence and glory? If you were to add a verse in your own language, what would it be?
- Sat: **Psalms 117**-This is the shortest psalm in the book. How is its brevity also its power?

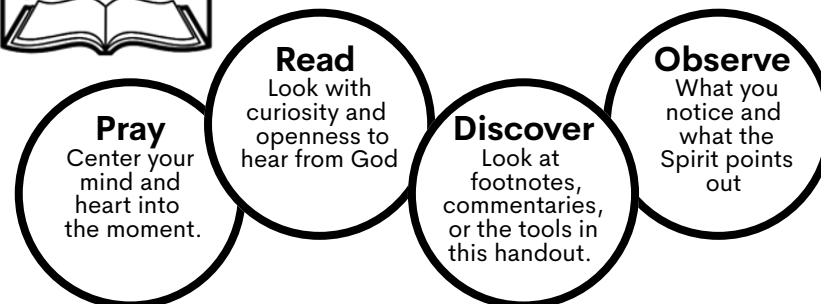
Prayers/Notes

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Intro

The psalms contain a vast range of situations, emotions, images, and expressions. You would be hard pressed to find a situation or season of life that a psalm could not apply to. This week's readings feature some of the diversity within the psalms of praise. Pay attention to why the psalmist is praising God as well as who or what is communicating that praise.

Many scholars try and determine the origins of the psalms and use those to explain their meaning. Poetry, by its nature, makes such work futile. That being said, the psalms work both on their literal and metaphorical level. You might try putting on different lenses for different readings and see how the meanings change for you.

Pray

God of glory, you are worthy of every word of worship and even our best greatest attempts at gratitude still cannot contain the whole of your wonderful works. However, you do not demand perfection in praise or completeness of compliments. Your love is a gift given to us freely and our love is the only response you have ever desired in return. Help us to never take your grace for granted, or fail to honor you in our words, our acts, or our lives. Amen.