

## CELEBRATION

What is something for which you are thankful and/or would like us to celebrate with you?

Did you get to share your faith in any way this week (i.e. pray for someone, talk to someone, encourage someone, etc...)?

## GETTING TO KNOW ME

Have someone(s) in the group share in 5 minutes or less, how they became a Christian or a significant event that happened between them and God (this event could be this week or from the past).

## DIG DEEPER

**1) Read Psalm 47:5-7. In verse 7 of these verses, various translations interpret the last words of this verse differently. The word for praise in this verse means with understanding. We are to praise God with understanding.**

a) As we praise God with our understanding, what do you believe it means that God ascends in the midst of our praise?

**2) Read Psalms 22:3**

a) We enthrone God with our praises. God is everywhere. Christians have the Holy Spirit living

within them. What does it mean to have God's manifest presence with us?

b) God is present in a manifest way when we praise Him. Have you ever experienced God's manifest presence? When?

**3) Read Psalm 40:3. Praise has to be seen. You can worship God and no one can know it, but you cannot praise Him without it being visible.**

a) According to this verse, what happens when people experience us praising God?

**4) Read Psalm 149:1-3**

a) In the first three verses, what are some ways we are told to praise God?

**5) Read Psalm 149:4-9; Ephesians 6:12; 2 Corinthians 10:4-5**

a) Praise is part of our warfare. How does praise affect life, according to these verses?

## TAKING IT HOME

1) What is one thing from the study above, you believe God would have you apply to your life?

2) How will you apply it?