



WOODLAND HEIGHTS

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Power of Praise Series Part #4 – Praising God for His Provision

Small Group Discussion Guide on Psalm 66

Woodland Heights Christian Church Core Value Connection

This sermon on Psalm 66 aligns with the core value of **Worship** at Woodland Heights Christian Church. We believe that worship encompasses more than just the songs that we sing. It is displayed in our obedience to the Word of God and how we live our lives in response to Christ's redeeming work on the cross (Romans 12:1).

This sermon on Psalm 66 is a call to move from corporate shouts to communal song to personal testimony echoes the heart of true worship: living wholeheartedly for the Lord in all circumstances, turning every deliverance, every provision, and every answered prayer into a life of grateful obedience. This message challenges us to deepen our worship beyond Sunday gatherings, aligning with our church's mission to "Reach, Teach, and Serve others for the Cause of Christ" as we train disciples who glorify God by telling the world, "Come and see what He has done for my soul."

Section #1 – ENCOUNTER

"Observing God's Word"

Psalm 66 is a song of praise where the psalmist's triumphant song moves like a funnel of grace—starting with the whole earth shouting, narrowing to God's covenant people singing, and finally pouring out through one forgiven, delivered, provided-for sinner who cannot keep quiet about the steadfast love of God. Let's dive into this passage and discover how God invites us to turn every detail of our story into worship that echoes to the ends of the earth.

Let's start our study by anchoring ourselves in Scripture. Read Psalm 66 (ESV) as a group, family, or an individual, letting God's Word sink in. Picture the scene: the psalmist standing in the temple courts, voice quivering with awe, calling the nations, the people of God, and every individual soul to respond to His faithfulness with overflowing praise.

Core Questions

- What do you notice about the words and instructions of the Psalmist in this passage? Why is this relevant?
- What are key words, phrases, or themes that grab your attention in this text?
- What are the main lessons that you learn about the character of God from Psalm 66?

Section #2 – EXPLORE

“Understanding the Passage and Sermon”

Let’s unpack the psalmist’s invitation with questions that connect the sermon’s insights to our lives. Discuss these as a group or reflect on them as an individual. We’ll walk through the three movements of praise, exploring how God’s provision moves from cosmic power to covenant faithfulness to personal deliverance – drawing us into deeper worship, witness, and walk.

Quote – “The Christian life is...a life of gladness in the Lord who saves.” – **Billy Graham**

- Why is this quote so important to remember as Christians today?

Movement #1 – Rise Up Today and Proclaim the Greatness of God to the Who World (Psalm 66:1-7)

The psalm opens with a global shout: “Shout for joy to God, all the earth!” This is worship at full volume—heaven and earth cannot stay silent when they see what God has done.

Quote – “God is so great that when He acts, the universe is forced to take notice whether it wants to or not.”
– **A.W. Tozer**

- How does the command to “all the earth challenge your personal worship volume this week? When was the last time your praise was loud enough to make the nations notice?

Movement #2 – Gather Together with Family or Friends and Praise God for Providing You With Us Unwavering Foundation (Psalm 66:8-15)

Now the circle narrows: “Come and see what God has done” — the exodus, the Red Sea, the Jordan River, the wilderness testing, the refining fire, the overwhelming flood — yet “He brought us out to a place of abundance.”

Quote – “Christian praise should out-shout the world’s panic, for we know the Provider behind the sunrise.”
– **Richard Baxter**

- Share a season when God’s people (your small group, your family, your church) went through fire or flood together. How did praising Him communally change the story?
- Verse 12 says God has brought us out “to a place of abundance.” What does abundance look like when you’ve just come through the flood?

Movement #3 – Make it Your Mission to Personally Praise God and Tell Others of His Provision in Your Life (Psalm 66:16-20)

Now it’s one-on-one: “Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for my soul.” The psalmist brings his offerings, pays his vows, and declares, “God has listened; He has not removed His steadfast love from me.”

Quote – “Faith is not merely believing God can, but knowing He will—and telling others what He has done.”
– **Hudson Taylor**

- When was the last time you blew out the candle on your own noise and simply told somebody, “Come and hear what He has done for my soul”?

- Verse 18 is sobering: “If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.” How does honesty with God actually increase the volume of our praise?

Section #3 – EMBRACE

“Applying God’s Word”

Go deeper into the Word of God by applying what you’ve learned to your life today. Reflect on these action steps and discuss how you can live out the truths from Psalm 66.

- **Identify Your Story:** Write down one specific way God has brought you “through fire and through water” and out “to a place of abundance.” Be as specific as the psalmist.
- **Practice the Funnel of Praise this Week**
 - **Corporate Praise:** In every gathering this week (work, dinner table, group chat), initiate one loud “Shout for joy to God!” moment.
 - **Fellowship Praise:** Thank a brother or sister in Christ for how you saw God’s faithfulness in their life or yours together.
 - **Personal Praise:** Tell at least one person your verse-16 story: “Come and hear what He has done for my soul.”
- **Memorize and Reflect:** Memorize the sermon’s memory verse, Psalm 66:1-2 (NLT): “Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth! Sing about the glory of His name! Tell the world how glorious He is.” Let this verse be the soundtrack of your week.

Closing Challenge and Prayer

Friends, the same God who turned the Red Sea into dry ground, who carried the 101st Airborne through the siege of Bastogne, who heard a homesick orchestra in a Hungarian palace and sent them home with joy – that same God is listening to you right now.

This week, move down the funnel of praise. Let your worship get louder, your gratitude get deeper, and your testimony get personal. Tell somebody what He has done for your soul. Because when one redeemed heart starts talking, the whole earth leans in to listen.

Prayer for Today: Father, we stand in Your courts today with smoke rising and hearts full. Thank You for every obstacle You have helped us overcome, every flood You carried us through, every promise You kept when we rebelled. Turn our private whispers into public shouts. Give us courage to say to someone this week, “Come and hear what He has done for my soul.” Let the nations hear it, let our neighbors hear it, let our children hear it. We praise You, God, because You have not rejected our prayer or removed Your steadfast love from us. In the mighty, name of Jesus, Amen.