

---

**Worship in Spirit and Truth:  
“God’s Call to Worship”  
Psalm 100**

---

**Thoughts to Shape and Spark Discussion:**

*“I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD!” – Psalm 122:1*

*“Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bid’st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

*Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!”*

- Charlotte Elliott

*“The entire message of the Gospel is not usually verbalized in the call to worship, but its features inevitably glisten. By a scriptural call to worship we understand that God welcomes us into his presence and invites us to participate in his purposes. Though we are weak, he is welcoming; though our iniquities are great, he remains inviting. The call to worship necessarily and simultaneously commends God’s worthiness and consoles us in our unworthiness. We can come to him; he wants us; and, he delights in our praise.”*

- Bryan Chapell

*“We will be making a mistake if we just stand back and say, “But if we give ourselves to worship, no one will do anything.” On the contrary, if we give ourselves to God’s call to worship, everyone will do more than he or she is doing now. Only, what he or she does will have significance and meaning to it. It will have the quality of eternity in it – it will be gold, silver and precious stones, not wood, hay and stubble.” – A.W. Tozer*

**Themes and Questions to Guide Reflection and Response:**

- After reading through the passage together, ask your group what makes an impression upon them from the passage and why it strikes them.
- Ask folks in your group to consider the quotations above. What does it spark in them? What’s helpful and clear, and, perhaps, even convicting?
- How do you process God’s call to worship? Is it more summons than invitation? What is the distinction? When have you experienced one or both?
- What difference does it make to you that God is trying to get your attention rather than you having to win his? Is that your experience in gathered worship or in your Christian life generally?
- Is God’s steadfast love, faithfulness, completed redeeming work producing outbursts of delight and shouts of liberation for you? Why, or why not? Can you agree with the psalmist that gladness is the emotion of going to the house of the LORD?