



45 What you say flows from what is in your heart. Luke 6:45 (NLT)

9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. 10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. 11 Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? James 3:9-11 (NIV)

9 "The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is? 10 But I, the LORD, search all hearts and examine secret motives. ..." Jeremiah 17:9-10 (NLT)

26 And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations. Ezekiel 36:26-27 (NLT)

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Difference between Praise and Worship:

■ **Worship:** What I do in response to God's greatness.

1 ... in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Romans 12:1 (NIV)

■ **Praise:** The words I use to speak of God's greatness.

1 I will praise the LORD at all times. I will constantly speak his praises. Psalm 34:1 (NLT)

21 Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit—you choose. Proverbs 18:21 (MSG)

Why speaking of God's greatness is important:

■ You were created to praise God.

21 the people I made especially for myself, a people custom-made to praise me. Isaiah 43:21 (MSG)

■ It's part of your purpose in life.

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)

6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD. Psalm 150:6 (NIV)

37 ...the whole crowd of disciples burst into enthusiastic praise over all the mighty works they had witnessed: 38 Blessed is he who comes, the king in God's name! All's well in heaven! Glory in the high places! 39 Some Pharisees from the crowd told him, "Teacher, get your disciples under control!" 40 But he said, "If they kept quiet, the stones would do it for them, shouting praise." Luke 19:37-40 (MSG)

■ We have a responsibility to the young.

18 For the dead cannot praise you; they cannot raise their voices in praise. Those who go down to the grave can no longer hope in your faithfulness.

19 Only the living can praise you as I do today. Each generation tells of your faithfulness to the next. Isaiah 38:18-19 (NLT)

4 Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power. Psalm 145:4 (NLT)

Our words are marked with God's greatness when:

■ Our heart has been changed by God.

26 And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. Ezekiel 36:26 (NLT)

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. Psalm 51:10 (NLT)

■ We are in touch with God's goodness.

2 Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things he does for me. 3 He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. 4 He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies. 5 He fills my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagle's! Psalm 103:2-5 (NLT)

■ Our heart is full of gratitude.

34 ...For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. Matthew 12:34 (NIV)

9 The LORD is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all his creation.

10 All of your works will thank you, LORD, and your faithful followers will praise you. Psalm 145:9-10 (NLT)

8 All day long I'll praise and honor you, O God, for all that you have done for me. Psalm 71:8 (TLB)

Have Questions? Text them to: (559)-464-5754

Here are some questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for your personal time with God.

- What spoke most to you from Sundays Talk? Explain.
- What does it mean to praise God? IS that more than singing? Explain
- In your own words, how important is it for us to speak of God's greatness?
- Do you feel you were created to praise God? How are you doing with that?
- What does it mean that you were chosen to declare the praises of God? Read 1 Peter 2:9
- Do you understand your responsibility to the young? To our kids and those young in the faith. How can we be more effective with these groups?
- Why is it necessary for our hearts to be changed by God?
- How are we able to speak of God's greatness when we are in touch with God's goodness?
- How are we able to speak of God's greatness when our heart is full of gratitude?

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