

Discussion Guide

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Summer Series Week

Just So You Know, I Brought My Praise With Me

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Main Idea

We're closing out our Challenge Accepted series, and we're ending it loud—because today, we're talking about praise. The kind of praise that breaks chains, silences fear, and invites Heaven to move. Sometimes, before the answer comes... you've just gotta put a praise on it. So look at your neighbor and say, "Just so you know, I brought my praise with me." Let's go.

Anchor Passage

"I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth."
(Psalm 34:1, ESV)

1. Praise Doesn't Wait On The Proof, It Moves On The Promise

Praise doesn't wait for evidence—it responds to expectation. Because faith isn't about seeing proof, it's about trusting the promise.

Read Hebrews 11:1

Discussion: What does it look like in your life to praise God based on His promises, even when you don't yet see the proof?

2. Praise is our FAITH out Loud

Faith-filled praise says, "God, I trust You before I see it." It's not just a song—it's declaring your story meets His glory. Like a child packing for Disney without the tickets, we praise not because it's done, but because He said it—and that's enough.

The Hebrew word for praise in Psalm 34:1 is “Tehillah” meaning Glory or Praise

Discussion: Can you share a time when you chose to praise God before you saw the answer? What helped you trust Him in that moment?

3. Praise Doesn't Erase The Pain, But It Does Shift Our Perspective

It's not denying reality—it's choosing to say “Yet I will rejoice” even when life hurts, because our hope is in the God who never fails.

Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, Habakkuk 3:17–18, and Psalm 121:1-2

Discussion: What's a painful situation you're facing or have faced, and how did choosing to praise God in that moment shift your perspective?

4. Praise Isn't Just A Response, When It's Rooted In Revelation

Ten were healed, but only one came back to praise—because praise doesn't stay quiet. When you realize Jesus didn't just heal you but restored you, your gratitude turns into bold, public praise. Praise testifies—so don't keep your miracle to yourself.

Read Luke 17:15-16

Discussion: Why do you think only one out of ten came back to praise Jesus—and what helps you personally stay thankful and vocal about what God has done in your life?

5. Praise Doesn't Just Look Ahead, It Reaches Back

We don't worship God out of wishful thinking—we worship because we've seen Him come through time and time again. Our past experiences with His faithfulness give us confidence to trust Him again, and that's why our praise is personal and powerful.

Read Lamentations 3:21–23

Discussion: What's a moment from your past where you clearly saw God come through, and how does that memory strengthen your faith today?

When the battle's not over and the breakthrough hasn't come, you praise—not because it's easy, but because He's proven too much to stay silent now.

SUMMARY

When life is uncertain and the breakthrough hasn't come, we don't wait to worship—we bring our praise anyway. Not because everything makes sense, but because God has been faithful. Praise is more than a feeling—it's faith in motion, a testimony that remembers what God has done and trusts Him for what's still ahead. We praise from the pain, through the waiting, and even before the miracle, because we've got history with a God who always shows up. This isn't hype. This is praise on purpose.

CALL TO ACTION

Choose to Praise Before You See the Outcome. Don't wait for the breakthrough to start praising—let your faith speak now. Praise God like the answer is already on the way, because His track record is trustworthy.

Let Your Praise Shift Your Perspective. When life gets heavy, lift your eyes. Use praise to refocus on God's promises, not just your problems. Praise may not change your situation instantly, but it will change how you see it.

Testify Loudly and Remember Often. Don't keep your story to yourself. Tell others what God has done in your life. Let your praise be a public declaration that says, "He's been too faithful for me to stay silent now."

GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

Word Cloud

If you don't already have one, create a free account on Slido.com. Come up with an event code to be used by participants. Think of a question (see examples below) and create a poll. The answers to the poll will generate a word cloud. During the meeting, share your screen so everyone can see the word cloud forming.

Tips: Questions could include: "In one word, how would you describe this past week?" "If you could travel anywhere in the world today, where would it be?" "What is your favorite ice cream flavor?"

*"In one word, what has God done in your life that you're thankful for?"

This ties directly to the message of praise rooted in remembrance, and the word cloud will visually display a collective testimony of God's faithfulness—reinforcing the idea that "this isn't hype, this is history."