



Psalm 145

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OBSERVE & REFLECT

(This section is designed to encourage us to reflect on and observe the scripture and weekend sermon.)

READ Psalms 145

- ☀ Read the text at least twice. Try reading the text from two different translations.
- ☀ What do you observe in the text? What jumps out at you and grabs your attention? What questions do you have from the text? Pay attention to any action words or phrases and observe what the implications are.

INVESTIGATE & APPLY

(This section focuses on what the scripture has to say as we dig deeper into the Word. It is oriented to create discussion on the Scripture.)

1. In Psalm 145, David exposes God's identity and gives many reasons why God deserves our praise. Fill in the chart below by recording everything you learn in Psalm 145 about who God is and what he does.

v. 1: God the King

v. 4-5: mighty acts majestic, glorious splendor

v. 6-7

v. 8

v. 9

v. 11-12

v. 13 v. 14

v. 15

2. Notice the description of God in 145:8. Read Exodus 34:4-7. From whom did this description of God originate and why is this important?
3. Are there any statements that the Psalmists makes that are difficult for you to completely believe? What are they and why are they difficult to believe?

Psalm 145:8

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love

NEXT STEPS

- Many times our circumstances and the world around us can convince us that God is not in control or that he is not really good to all that he has made. Faith in its most fundamental sense is believing what God says about Himself and the world around us especially when it seems like what He is saying is not possible. Specifically because God has the power to make anything a reality he often calls us to believe His words before we see with our eyes.
- It is for this reason that we praise God in light of what he has already done and in light of what he has said he will do. This week take a moment to verbally speak words of praise toward God before you begin your prayers and notice how it turns your heart toward faith and trust.