

# Small Group Discussion Guide

## *The Power of Praise* | *Baptism Sunday*

Based on the message by Pastor Adam Browett, Calvary Temple, February 23, 2025

### **Conversation Starter:** (10 minutes)

1. Have you been baptized? Share your baptism story with your group.

### **Main Discussion: Psalm 117**

#### **1. Understanding Praise** (15 minutes)

- The sermon mentioned that 'praise' comes from the Hebrew word meaning 'to boast.' How does this change your perspective on what it means to praise God?
- Pastor Adam discussed how praise has both spiritual and physical benefits. What changes have you noticed in your life when you maintain an attitude of praise?

#### **2. Exploring God's Love** (15 minutes)

- The sermon highlighted five aspects of God's love: unfailing, for us, powerful, faithful, and eternally available. Which of these characteristics resonates most with you right now and why?
- What does it mean that "our timeline is different than God's timeline"? Share experiences where you've seen this play out.
- How can we become more "comfortable with uncertainty" while trusting God's plans?

#### **3. Application** (10 minutes)

- What practical steps can we take to maintain an attitude of praise even during difficult circumstances?
- What area of your life needs to be surrendered to God's timeline rather than your own?

### **Closing Prayer Focus** (10 minutes)

- Share prayer requests related to areas where you need to trust God's timing
- Thank God for specific ways you've experienced His unfailing love
- Pray for those who were baptized today, celebrating their new beginnings

### **Take-Home Challenge:** Choose one of these activities for the week ahead

1. Write down daily examples of God's faithfulness in your life
2. Practice praising God specifically during challenging moments
3. Share with someone outside your usual circle how God's love has been powerful in your life