

Praise God

Psalms 66:1-20

When God intervenes in the natural world and asserts His sovereignty, there is no mistaking it for anything natural. It is an awe-inspiring, disorienting, even _____ thing, and it commands our praise.

Discussion 1. Like the disciples being terrified when Jesus calmed the storm, when God intervenes in this world, it can be a scary thing. Has there ever been a time when you felt frightened by an act of God in your life? Describe it.

The God of the Bible causes nations to rise and to fall and He uses nations to accomplish _____ in this world. And we should praise Him when He does.

Discussion 2. If God cares about nations, do you believe He favors our nation above others? Why or why not? What are some appropriate ways to include references to His activity in our nation in our worship?

Christ followers learn to _____ irrespective of our current circumstances. Even when we are struggling against a dark and painful world, we praise God Who is faithful to stand with us no matter what.

Discussion 3. Why do we praise God even when we are hurting? How does that benefit us in the long run?

While the sin in our lives may inhibit our ability to experience God's manifest presence, nothing can prevent Him from _____ and _____ us. He will never leave us nor forsake us.

Discussion 4. If repentance is the process of holding our sin before God so that we can again experience His presence, how often should that process take place? Do you have a regular rhythm of repentance in your schedule? Should you?