

# Our Savior's Lutheran

## Songs for the Soul Bible Study



Week Two ~ Psalms & Songs of Praise

## Bible Study Participant Guide

### Welcome and Framing

What is something that inspired wonder or awe in you this week?

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### Large Group Teaching

**Praise expands our vision and forms us.**

**Key Ideas:**

- Praise is not denial of \_\_\_\_\_
- Common structure: call to praise, reasons for praise, invitation to \_\_\_\_\_
- What we repeatedly celebrate shapes who we become
- Israel praised \_\_\_\_\_

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## Reading: Psalm 146

What did you notice?

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## Table Conversation 1

Discuss one or two of the following questions:

1. What do we praise today?
  - a. Which of these things equate to God?
  - b. Which of these things do not equate to God?
2. How do we return our praise to God?

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# Song Listening 1: "In My Life" by The Beatles

What did you notice?

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## Lyrics

There are places I'll remember  
All my life, though some have changed.  
Some forever, not for better;  
Some have gone and some remain.

All these places had their moments  
With lovers and friends I still can recall.  
Some are dead and some are living,  
In my life I've loved them all.

But of all these friends and lovers  
There is no one compares with you.  
And these mem'ries lose their meaning  
When I think of love as something new.

Tho' I know I'll never lose affection  
For people and things that went before,  
I know I'll often stop and think about them,  
In my life I love you more.

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## **Table Conversation 2**

Discuss one or two of the following questions:

1. What did you notice in this song/video?
2. Where do you hear praise in this song? Who is the praise directed to?
3. How do you express praise in your relationships with others? In your relationship with God?
4. How does this song connect with the scripture and Psalms of praise?
5. What topics and emotions are named in this Psalm and song? How are these topics and emotions expressed in church life - or your life outside of the church?

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## **Song Listening 2: “What a Wonderful World” by Louis Armstrong**

What did you notice?

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## Lyrics

I see trees of green, red roses too  
I see them bloom for me and you  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world

I see skies of blue and clouds of white  
The bright blessed days, the dark sacred nights  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world

The colors of the rainbow  
So pretty in the sky  
Are also on the faces  
Of people going by  
I see friends shaking hands, saying, "How do you do?"  
They're really saying, "I love you"

I hear babies cry, I watch them grow  
They'll learn much more  
Than I'll ever know  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world

Yes, I think to myself  
What a wonderful world

## Table Conversation 3

Discuss one or two of the following questions:

1. What did you notice in this song/video?
2. Where do you hear praise in this song? What is being praised?
3. How do you express praise regarding the world around you? How does this connect with faith for you?
4. How does this song connect with the scripture and Psalms of praise?
5. What topics and emotions are named in this Psalm and song? How are these topics and emotions expressed in church life - or your life outside of the church?
6. What other songs could we have chosen to connect with Psalms of praise?

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## Wrap Up

**Praise is not denial of difficulty. It is choosing to notice life, beauty, wonder, awe, and grace alongside it.**

As we listen to brief reflections, note what stays with you.

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