

Small Group Discussion Guide

Psalm 145

“A Pattern of Proclamation”

Based on Sunday's
Sermon 8/2/26

Background

This psalm of David is titled “A psalm of praise”—the only one in the Psalter with that title. Here begins the grand doxology of the entire collection, for praise plays a greater part of Psalms 145–150 than in most of the others. The word “praise” occurs 46 times in these six psalms.

In Psalm 145 David praised the Lord for His mighty acts which are told from one generation to another, for His gracious provision of an everlasting kingdom, and for the manner in which He responds to those who love Him.¹

This psalm is a great catalogue of reasons to praise the Lord. Like the other acrostic psalms, it is a model for us to use in recalling many of the things about God for which we should praise Him.²

Baptism is a sign of entering God's kingdom; Psalm 145 is a hymn celebrating the King whose kingdom is everlasting, compassionate, and faithful. Baptism proclaims the very attributes Psalm 145 rehearses—God's mercy, His saving acts, His covenant faithfulness, and the call to pass His works to the next generation.

Discussion Questions

Getting Started

1. What's one thing you *never get tired of talking about*—a hobby, food, place, or memory?

Observation

2. How does David describe God's character in vv. 8–9?
3. What verbs describe what God does for His people (vv. 14–20)?

¹ Allen P. Ross, “Psalms,” in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 1 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 895–896.

² Tom Constable, *Tom Constable's Expository Notes on the Bible* (Galaxie Software, 2003), Ps 145:17.

4. How does the psalm move—from God’s greatness → goodness → care → universal praise?

Interpretation

5. Why does David emphasize that God’s greatness cannot be fully searched out?

6. How does this shape a believer’s posture toward baptism?

7. What picture of God emerges from these verses?

8. Read Colossians 2:8-12. How does this passage speak to baptism?

Application

9. How does baptism reflect trust in God’s goodness and faithfulness?

10. If someone asked you why baptism matters, how would Psalm 145 help you answer?

Prayer List: