

First meeting in July 2019

## Worship the Lord with Joyful Songs

### Blessing for Believers who Yearn for Worship Psalm 84:1-12

#### Community prayer

1. Pray that God will raise up Chodae Community Church of faithful worshipers
2. To live as a worshiper and stewards of the kingdom of God at both workplace and home.
3. For the community where those in difficulties or sicknesses to be restored in grace
4. Ensure that children of each family are raised and maturing in faith
5. The pastor, clergy, session, and all spiritual leaders are filled with the Holy Spirit.
6. Summer STM, Sunday VBS and retreats proceed smoothly with God's Grace.

#### Church schedule

**6/29 (Sat) – 7/7 (Sun):** Huaraz, Peru STM

**6/30 (Sun):** July SG Leaders Training

**7/6 (Sat) – 7/13 (Sat):** Lima, Peru STM

7/8 (Mon) – 7/13 (Sat): Dominican Republic STM

7/12 (Fri) – 7/20 (Sat), Naulilia, Peru STM

7/17 (Wed) for 8 weeks: Wednesday Women Worship – 8 blessing series

7/26 (Fri) – 8/4 (Sun): Cusco, Peru STM

#### Announcement

1. The motto of the church in 2019 is "**Worship the Lord with Joyful Songs**"
2. Please use the following order for SG Meeting
  - Two to three songs of praise / Representative prayer / Bible reading / Sharing of teaching materials / Prayer requests
  - Rotate sharing among members during small group discussion
  - Make sure to have time for sharing prayer requests
3. Recitation of the Community (Psalm 100: 1-5) & Praise Schedule: 5/24 - 15 Community, 5/31- 16 Community, 6/7 - 17 (will restart with Community 18 on Sep 6<sup>th</sup>)
4. The Family SG Training is after a regular SG Training and is in PJM Room.
5. Please be sure to submit an online SG report after the SG meeting.
6. The second SG meeting's study guide is in the church lobby on the second Sunday of each month.
7. Diaspora ministry: If you have any family leaving the church among the SG and returning to Korea, please inform your community minister in advance.

## Blessing for believers who yearn for worship (Psalm 84:1-12)

**Praising God** (Praise in a way that is appropriate and suitable for your group)

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**Focus** When you remember God's grace and love, you can be far away from idols and be near to God

**Opening your heart** Open your heart by briefly sharing a week's life, QT, and/or thanks

**Opening with Word** Read Psalm 84:1-12 together.

### Understanding the background:

Psalm 84 is believed to be written by descendent of Korah. Korah rebelled against Moses and Aron and was swallowed by the earth as punishment. When God asked people to stand behind Moses or Korah, they did not stand behind their kin but stood behind Moses by following their faith. And as such, they did not perish. But they had to live with a scarlet letter on their hearts for being descendants of a traitor. Perhaps, due to the sense of defeat and loss, they lived their lives resenting their ancestor.

But at some point in their lives, at some point in history, the descendants of Korah experienced the amazing grace of God who transformed despair into hope. After the temple is completed, descendants of Korah held a prestigious position in the temple offering worship and praise. Psalm 84 is about the joy of worshipper serving the temple.

### Sharing the Word: Observation and contemplation

1. Author sings that "Blessed are those who dwell in your house (v4)". What kind of blessing are they enjoying? (v4) How much is the author longing for God? (v1-3)

2. Author sings "Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage" (v5). What kind of blessings are they enjoying? (v6-7). How do the people whose hearts are set on pilgrimage live?

3. The author sings "blessed is the one who trusts in you" (v12). What kind of blessings are they enjoying? (v11). Did you ever experience "one day is better than thousand days?" (v10)

### Applying and Sharing:

- 1 When was a time when you most passionately worshipped God and his grace? What was a hymn that gave you most comfort and encouragement at that time?
- 2 Let's share honestly about worship in our family's daily lives. What are the areas that are lacking and how can they be improved?

### Digesting the Word:

The sons of Korah were cursed descendants from disgraced forefathers. But after experiencing God's grace, they became worshippers who praise the grace of God's salvation. Psalm 1:1 begins with "Blessed is the man..." The theme of "blessing" passes through the entire 150 chapters of Psalm. Descendants of Korah sing about the "blessed are those who dwell in the Lord's house" and "blessed are those who have set their hearts on pilgrimage" and "blessed is the man who trusts in you".

Those who love not the worldly blessing but the blessing from heaven, and give praise to it and impart it to their descendants are truly blessed worshippers. They reject the comfort that exists without the presence of God and they desire the path of a pilgrim that is accompanied by God.

God will be the "sun and the shield" to those who desire worship and He will faithfully guide and protect them.

### Praying through the Word:

Dear God, we desire to meet you deeply through public worship and through small group worship. Also, let us experience your presence at our home and workplace. And through your companionship, let us live as believers who connect the blessing of heaven to this earth.

**Words to implant in Your Heart:** How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty1 (Psalm 84:1)