



Songs of Summer

“A Song of Blessing”

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We're wrapping up a series based on the Psalms of Ascent—15 songs that the Israelites would sing as they made their way up to Jerusalem for their annual festivals. Pastor Tyler walked us through Psalm 134, where we were encouraged to come and bless the Lord—even when we don't feel like it—and the Lord will bless us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What insight or principle from the message did you find most helpful/eye-opening?
2. Which of the Psalms of Ascents has impacted you most in this summer series? Why?
3. **Read Psalm 134.** This is a song of blessing. The psalm could be summarized: “Come bless the Lord; the Lord bless you.” What do you love most about blessing/praising God?
4. What tangible blessings from God in your life make it easy to bless (or praise) God?
5. Pastor Tyler spoke of several blessings from God: grace, forgiveness, God's Word, God's mercies being new every morning, God's faithfulness, God's relentless pursuit of us, etc. Which of these blessings are you most thankful for, and why?
6. In Psalm 134, “Come bless the Lord” is both an INVITATION and a COMMAND. What sometimes keeps you from accepting that invitation/obeying that command? When you bless the Lord, what are some of the ways the Lord blesses you?
7. The biggest challenge of this Invitation/Command is: “Will you bless the Lord even when you don't feel like it?” Is this hard for you to do? Why?
8. Author Eugene Peterson said, *“One person says, ‘I don't feel like worshipping; so I'm not going to church. I will wait till I feel like it and then I'll go.’ Another person says, ‘I don't feel like worshipping; so I will go to church and put myself in the way of worship.’ In the process she finds herself blessed and begins, in turn, to bless.”* Why is it so important to “put yourself in the way of worship?” Share a story about when you've done this, and how God blessed you...so you, in turn, could bless others.
9. Tyler said, “Sometimes we lift our hearts to lift our hands, and sometimes we lift our hands to lift our hearts.” Another way to say this is: “Sometimes we do the act, and the attitude follows.” Can you think of an example of how this works in your own life?

PRAYER: Spend some time sharing prayer requests, and pray for one another. And pray specifically that we will bless the Lord—even when we don't feel like it—and be blessed by God, and in turn, bless others.