

# Who is this King of Glory?

Psalm 24:8



Apostolic  
Christian Church  
Western Camp

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## Camp Schedule

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|----------------|---------------|----|-------------------------------------------|
| <i>Mon</i>     | 5:30          | PM | Dinner                                    |
|                | 6:45 - 8:00   | PM | Evening & Worship / Crafts*               |
|                | 8:15          | PM | Ice Cream Social                          |
|                | 8:45          | PM | Youth Choir Reunion (YCR) Practice        |
|                | 9:45          | PM | Youth Singspiration                       |
|                | 11:00         | PM | Quiet Time* (Warm Beach Camp rule)        |
|                | 11:30         | PM | IN CABIN & LIGHTS OUT*                    |
| <i>Tue-Sat</i> | 7:00 - 7:50   | AM | Prayer Meeting                            |
|                | 8:00 - 8:45   | AM | Breakfast                                 |
|                | 8:50 - 9:30   | AM | Morning Worship / Announcements*          |
|                | 9:40 - 10:30  | AM | Classes (all ages)*                       |
|                | 10:45 - 11:45 | AM | Breakout Sessions / Junior Choir*         |
|                | 12:00         | PM | Lunch                                     |
|                | 1:00 - 2:00   | PM | Adult Choir Practice (Tue-Fri), YCR (Sat) |
|                | 2:00 - 5:30   | PM | Free Time / Special Activities            |
|                | 5:30          | PM | Dinner                                    |
|                | 6:45 - 8:00   | PM | Evening & Jr Worship / Crafts (Sat 6:30)* |
|                | 11:00         | PM | Quiet Time* (Warm Beach Camp rule)        |
|                | 11:30         | PM | IN CABIN & LIGHTS OUT*                    |
| <i>Tue</i>     | 8:30 - 9:30   | PM | Campfire (Tues / Wed / Sat)*              |
| <i>Wed</i>     | 2:00 - 2:30   | PM | Watermelon Feed in front of Cedar Lodge   |
| <i>Wed</i>     | 9:45 - 10:45  | PM | Acoustic Praise and Worship (Youth)       |
| <i>Thu</i>     | 4:30 - 5:00   | PM | Business Meeting                          |
| <i>Thu</i>     | 8:30 - 9:30   | PM | Junior Campfire (Children)                |
| <i>Thu</i>     | 8:30 - 10:00  | PM | Songfest – Zion's Harp                    |
| <i>Thu</i>     | 9:00 - 10:45  | PM | Ultimate Frisbee & Pizza Party (Youth)    |
| <i>Fri</i>     | 3:00 - 6:45   | PM | YCR Reception & Dinner                    |
| <i>Fri</i>     | 8:15          | PM | Salami Feast                              |
| <i>Fri</i>     | 9:00 - 10:00  | PM | Songfest – Gospel Hymns                   |
| <i>Fri</i>     | 9:00 - 10:00  | PM | Youth Singspiration (Fri / Sat 9:45)*     |
| <i>Sat</i>     | 3:30          | PM | Watermelon Feed at softball game          |
| <i>Sun</i>     | 7:00 - 7:50   | AM | Prayer Meeting                            |
|                | 8:00 - 8:45   | AM | Breakfast                                 |
|                | 9:00          | AM | Worship Service* (out of rooms by 11AM)   |
|                | 11:30         | AM | Lunch                                     |

\*Required Attendance

## **Class and Meeting Locations**

### **General**

|                 |                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Campfire        | Amphitheatre              |
| Meals           | Cedar Lodge               |
| Morning Worship | Cedar Lodge Chapel        |
| Prayer Meeting  | Prayer Chapel             |
| Registration    | Cedar Lodge               |
| Evening Worship | Program Center Auditorium |
| Singspiration   | Maple Center              |
| Songfest        | Cedar Lodge Chapel        |

### **Adult Programs**

|                  |                                                   |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Classes & Forums | Program Center Room A &<br>Cedar Lodge Chapel     |
| Forums           | Cedar Lodge Chapel / Program<br>Center Auditorium |
| Choir Practice   | Program Center Auditorium                         |

### **Youth Programs**

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|--------------------------|--------------|
| Junior High School Class | Maple Center |
| High School Class        | Maple Center |
| College & Careers Class  | Maple Center |
| Forums                   | Maple Center |

### **Junior Programs**

|                                         |                       |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 3-5 yr old Class                        | Program Center Room B |
| 6-8 yr old Class                        | Olympic View Upper    |
| 9-11 yr old Class                       | Olympic View Lower    |
| Tiny Tot Choir (3-8 yr old)             | Program Center Room B |
| Junior Choir (9-11 yr old)              | Cedar Lodge Chapel    |
| Junior Church & Crafts<br>(3-11 yr old) | Program Center Room B |
| Nursery                                 | Program Center Room C |



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*This outline is merely a guideline for possible topics to be discussed. Individual teachers may choose to focus on some topics at the exclusion of others.*

**Introduction**

Our lives are surrounded by songs. Most of us, even as infants, were sung to by our parents or siblings. In Sunday school, we were taught songs about God's love for us, and about His plan of salvation through Jesus. As we grew, we started to curate our own appreciation for music, purchasing (gasp) records, 8-track or cassette tapes, and CDs. Today our access to music seems virtually unlimited through streaming sites on the Internet. The great irony of course, is that sometimes we neglect the greatest collection of music ever written: God's songbook.

The book of Psalms is an astounding collection of lyrical poetry that was set to music, inspired by the Holy Spirit and phrased in a voice that is refreshingly human. Its scope reaches to the highest heaven and to the lowest hell, while ruminating on both the vastness of the universe and the intricacies of an individual human heart. It is also our best introduction to the heart of God: His character; His power; and His wisdom. When we come to the Psalms, we encounter the unmatched experience of singing to God, meditating on His word, and giving Him all of the glory He deserves.

Who is this King of Glory that the psalmist's wrote about? My prayer is that through this lesson and sermon series we can see with renewed eyes and hearts the beauty of our Lord. The Christian life can sometimes become too much about us, and not enough about Him. May our gaze be lifted heavenward as we immerse ourselves in the Psalms.

**Tuesday      Where Are You Lord? | Psalm 44**

The Bible describes God as a God who hides. One of the most common experiences we make as believers is struggling through a time when it appears that God is silent. Why does He seem so far away sometimes? Where is He in those times when we feel alone? These are not questions to be taken lightly, but neither should they be ignored. Psalm 44 faces them head on.

**Question for Opening Discussion**

When things go well with us, is it appropriate to see it as a sign of God's approval?

**44:1-8 – Seeing God's hand in our victories**

1. What important principle does the psalmist reflect on as he considers Israel's victories? (*verses 3, 6-7*)
2. How is the principle important for our own individual Christian walk?
3. Discuss how this principle sometimes is forgotten. What temptations are out there for a Christian who doesn't "boast in the Lord?" (*verse 8*)

**44:9-16 – Feeling rejected**

4. Describe the mood of verses 9-16. What has happened to create this mood in the psalmist?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Have you ever felt like this in your communication with God? What usually precipitates this kind of response towards God?

**44:17-26 & Romans 8:28-39 – As sheep to be slaughtered**

6. What assumption has the psalmist made about God in verses 23-24?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Should our prayer life ever use language or emotions like those expressed in this passage? Why is emotional honesty in our relationship with God important? Why might we be hesitant to be honest with our Heavenly Father?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Read Romans 8:28-39 and consider its context. Why would Paul choose to quote from Psalm 44 at this point in his letter to the Romans? What's the relationship between the Psalm and Paul's meditation on the Christian's victory in Christ Jesus?



**Notes:**

**Wednesday   How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place | Psalm 84**

The purest form of worship, as depicted in the Bible, involves being in God's presence. Because our God is unseen, experiencing His presence is different than our other relationships. In Psalm 84, the psalmist meditates on the loveliness of experiencing God.

**Question for Opening Discussion**

Let your mind wander for a moment: if you had a choice to be anywhere in the world (other than Warm Beach Camp of course!) where would you want to be?

**84:1-12**

1. This Psalm opens up with a meditation on God's dwelling place. What type of response does this evoke from the psalmist? How does this reply signal a special relationship with the Lord?
2. When you think of the Lord's "dwelling place," what images or ideas come to mind? How do you picture the place where God dwells?
3. In what ways can believers foster a clearer vision of the loveliness of God's presence? Daily, how are we able to value and treasure His presence in our lives?

4. Verse 2 sounds dramatic, doesn't it? Should we expect the same type of emotional experiences in our own Christian lives today? Why or why not?
5. Verses 3-7 speak of blessings for God's people. What are those blessings? What are some ways that God's people experience them?
6. The psalmist calls himself God's "anointed one" in verse 9. What is the spiritual significance of this term?
7. Verse 10 provides an interesting contrast. What is the psalmist revealing about the manifold pleasures of worship? Is this a perspective we can foster in our spiritual lives? If so, how?
8. What are some spiritual obstacles that would keep us from experiencing the truths present in verses 10-12? How can a Christian learn to reorient his or her pursuit of pleasure?

9. How should our churches be a reflection of the truths in this Psalm? How can our corporate worship contribute to the believer's application of the principles of Psalm 84? What would a church that reflected these principles look like?
  
10. Why is it hard for us, even as Christians, to sacrifice our interests for the interests of others? Is it always right for us to give in to others? Why or why not?

**Notes:**

**Thursday    Bless His Holy Name | Psalm 103****Question for Opening Discussion**

One of the ways that God uses to communicate to us about Himself is through metaphor or word-picture. What is your favorite word picture used in the Bible to describe God or the spiritual life?

**103:1-6 – What God Does**

1. As Psalm 103 opens, where is David's focus? What aspects of God's character does he focus on?
2. According to David, what activities is God involved in as He works in the lives of people?
3. Discuss some of the ways that our own Christian lives should be aligned with these activities? How can our spiritual witness reflect the heart of God?

**103:7-18 – Pictures of Redemption**

4. This section of the text provides some of the richest pictures of God and man in all of scripture. List some of them, being careful to note the meaning behind them.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. In what ways does David help to illuminate God's character in a way that is encouraging and reassuring to His people?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Verse 8 presents a truth about God that is repeated over and over in scripture. (See Numbers 14:18, Joel 2:13, Jonah 4:2, and Nahum 1:3) How is this truth represented in other parts of the Bible? How is it represented in your own Christian walk? Why is this truth so precious, and so important to remember?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Discuss how verses 11 and 12 speak to forgiveness and our place in God's family.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Verses 15-17 present a contrast between God's transcendence and man's mortality. Discuss how these verses can be both a warning and also an encouragement to God's children.

### **103:10-23 – Giving God His Due**

9. Psalm 103 seems to build to a crescendo in the last few verses, and David seems to be swept up in the emotion of meditating on God's character. How is his meditation instructive to God's people? How can we incorporate praise as a part of our personal and corporate worship?

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**Friday      The Lord is Good! | Psalm 107****Questions for Opening Discussion**

Not everyone's testimony is the same. It is often fascinating to hear all of the different ways that God calls people out of darkness and into the light. Take a few minutes to consider your own testimony: did God rescue you from despair? Discouragement? Anger? Folly? Helplessness? Rebellion? All of the above? Discuss in groups or with the whole class your testimony of what God brought you out of when He saved you.

**107:1-43**

1. Verses 1-3 remind us that God is good. Is this simple truth sometimes overlooked? Why might a skeptic or unbeliever have a hard time accepting this simple truth?
2. What picture do verses 1-3 give us about the common thread that binds all of God's people together?
3. Verses 4-43 provide us pictures of the various ways that God intervenes on behalf of those who call on Him. It can be instructive to consider how each picture captures an aspect of God's saving work. Briefly list the various situations humans find themselves in in this passage.

4. Verses 4-9 describe a wanderer. How is this an apt description of some people's spiritual condition? How does God deliver them?
5. Verses 10-16 describe a prisoner, sitting in chains? How is this an apt description of some people's spiritual condition? How does God deliver them?
6. Verses 17-22 describe fools bent on rebellion who "suffered affliction because of their iniquities." How is this an important and powerful commentary about sin?
7. Verses 23-32 depict merchants who are unable to conduct their business. How does this picture help us see the dangers of pride?
8. The final verses speak to the wonders of transformation that come through God's salvation. How do they depict the beauty of the gospel? In what ways should these verses provide us with motivation to minister to the lost?

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**Saturday     A Song About God's Word | Psalm 119****Question for Opening Discussion**

Discuss how your understanding and experience with the Bible has changed and matured as you've grown as a Christian. What were some of the obstacles to you truly appreciating it as a younger Christian?

**119:1-176**

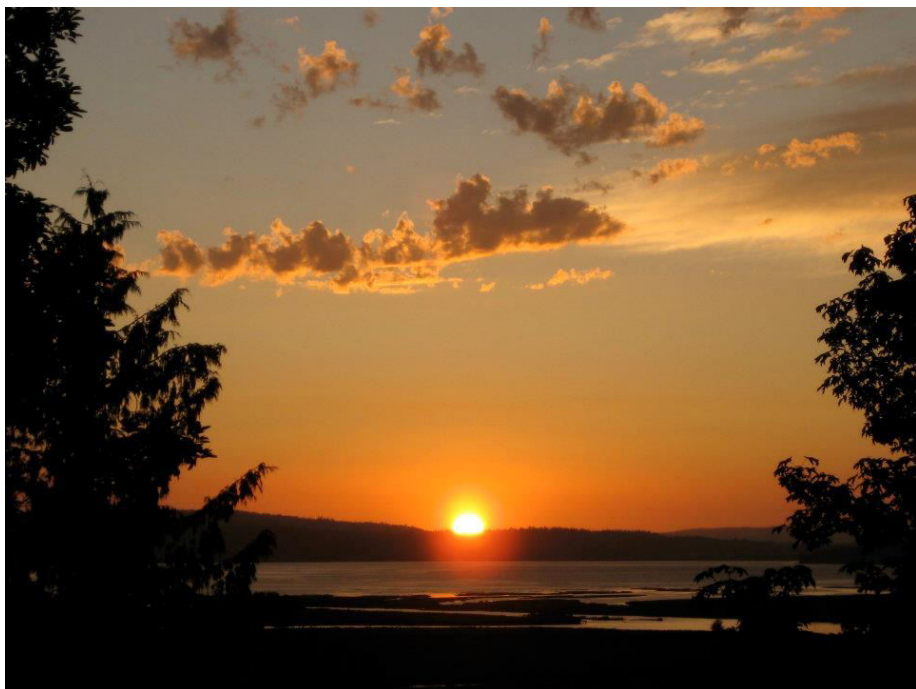
1. For starters, consider verses 9, 11, 36, 37, 66, 89, 97, and 105. What are some of the dimensions of God's word that our explored in these verses?
2. What are some of the different ways that the psalmist has come to appreciate and enjoy God's law? In your observation, what are some of the hallmarks of a Christian who is serious about God's word?
3. As we consider the scope of this chapter, how does our devotional life stack up to the ideas expressed here? Are there reasons why we perhaps don't share the same zeal for God's word as the psalmist did? Discuss some practical reasons why our hearts may not be in our bible reading.

4. What are some of the ways that we can “hide God’s word in our hearts?” How does that help us in our battle with sin?
5. The Psalmist is referring specifically to God’s law, but as 21<sup>st</sup> century Christians we have access to the entirety of God’s revealed word. How does this fact color our appreciation for Psalm 119?
6. Consider John 5:36-40. What important principle should we keep in mind as we study and meditate on God’s word? For example, what are some ways that we can encounter Jesus in the Psalms?
7. Why are the principles of this Psalm important to impart to young people and new believers?
8. In verse 169 the psalmist asks for understanding. Why is this a necessary request as we approach God’s word? Is it possible to know the scripture, and yet lack understanding?

9. How can we make God's word a priority in our Christian fellowship and community?

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**See You Next Year!**