

Facilitator:

1. Open with Prayer
2. Welcome any newcomers
3. Give a 5-minute review of Peppy's sermon

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Please don't feel you have to cover every question. They become increasingly deeper and more thoughtful toward the end. It may help to highlight questions you want to be sure to cover, depending on the dynamics of your group and the time available. Try to keep your discussion to an hour and a half at the most.

## **CONNECT Group study questions for February 28 - Psalm 148**

### **Title: The Roll Call of Praise**

Read **Psalm 148—*Praise the Lord!***

*Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!  
Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his hosts!*

*Praise him, sun and moon,  
praise him, all you shining stars!  
Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!*

*Let them praise the name of the Lord!  
For he commanded and they were created.  
And he established them forever and ever;  
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.*

*Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you great sea creatures and all deeps,  
fire and hail, snow and mist,  
stormy wind fulfilling his word!*

*Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!*

*Beasts and all livestock,  
creeping things and flying birds!*

*Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!  
Young men and maidens together,  
old men and children!*

*Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted  
his majesty is above earth and heaven.  
He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his saints,  
for the people of Israel who are near to him.*

***Praise the Lord!***

**Question:** Psalm 148 gives us a tour of all creation, beginning with the third heaven—the angels and heavenly hosts—to the sun, moon and stars of the second heaven, and finally where everything God has created on Earth praises him.

How do you suppose great sea creatures, weather, mountains, trees, animals and birds praise the Lord? How is their praise different from the praise of kings, young men and maidens, and old men and children? Or is it?

**Question:** Angels are created to serve and carry out the will of God. Seraphim praise God constantly. Read Isaiah 6:1-8 for a description of the prophet Isaiah's encounter with seraphim.

How does Isaiah's experience and response speak to us when the voice of the Lord says, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

**Question:** Cherubim are mighty angels (not naked babies with bow and arrows) who God sets as guards to protect things, and two archangels, Michael and Gabriel, are designated as messengers and warriors. A cherub, Lucifer, was created and anointed to lead praise and worship to the Almighty Creator, but his pride led to his fall and he took a third of the angels with him. Read about Lucifer's fall and the great battle in heaven being played out on Earth in Revelation 12.

What role do the followers of Christ play in the great battle?

**Question:** Read Ezekiel 28:11-19. Lucifer is the ultimate narcissist and he hates it when we praise the Lord. For this reason our worship pastor and worship team need our prayer and support.

In what ways are they vulnerable to an attack by Satan, and how should we pray to protect them? What can we do—and not do—to support them and encourage worship at Crossroads?

**In Closing:** Name what comes to mind—the good and the bad—for which you can praise the Lord. Conclude with the song To God Be the Glory:

*To God be the glory, great things He has done;  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.*