



Gathering Together in Praise

People are beginning to gather again. Since the U.S. rollout of vaccine, more and more people are becoming protected, the COVID numbers are decreasing, and in-person gatherings are on the rise. Photos on my social media feed give evidence to the change. I especially enjoy seeing those posts that share grandparents hugging their grandchildren after a wait of a year or more. Smiling faces of families, grateful to be together once more, flash across my screen again and again.

These are the faces I spoke of during an SU workshop meditation from Psalm 145 for this summer's new SuperKids©/VBS curriculum, Go for Jesus!

This psalm reminds us to praise God every day; it's not a "keep it to yourself" kind of praise either. David wrote, "One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts." So, it's a "spread the word" kind of praise. It's the kind of praise where grandparents gather their children and their grandchildren and, as the psalmist declares, speak of the glorious splendor of God's majesty, meditate on His wonderful works, proclaim His great deeds and celebrate His abundant goodness.

Generation after generation, families have gathered together in times of sorrow and times of joy. Scripture makes it clear that through it all, God received praise and honor. His people across centuries have kept declaring the beautiful story of the wonder of His Kingdom, sharing testimonies of God's love, compassion and faithfulness.

It's an everlasting kingdom that endures through all generations. It's the good news we each have the privilege to share with the next generation. And our gathering together will have no end.

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