

## Psalm 96 - Psalm 96:1-13

*Topics:* Advice, Blessing, Character, Creation, Earth, Fear, Glory, God, Greatness, Heaven, Holy, Instructions, Joy, Judge, Justice, Praise, Righteousness, Security, Strength, Thankfulness, Truth, Witnessing, Worship

### Open It

1. What are some common elements of worship in your church?
- \* 2. For you, what can cause church worship services to become stale or boring?
3. How do you think your church could add some creativity or newness to its worship services?

### Explore It

4. What does the repetition in this psalm emphasize? (96:1-2, 7-8)
5. What call introduces the psalm? (96:1-3)
6. How far did the psalm writer want the praise of God's people to extend? (96:1-3)
- \* 7. What instructions for worship are given in this psalm? (96:1-3, 7-10)
8. What reasons did the psalm writer give to the nations to praise the Lord? (96:1-13)
- \* 9. What does this psalm reveal about God's character? (96:1-13)
10. What did the psalm writer encourage God's people to proclaim? (96:2)
11. How does the God of heaven differ from earthly gods? (96:4-5)
12. Why should God's people be motivated to praise God? (96:4-6)
13. Whom did the psalm writer call to worship God? (96:7-9)
14. What does the order of nature reveal? (96:10)
15. How is the judgment of the Lord described? (96:10, 13)
- \* 16. How can the nations demonstrate their fear of the Lord? (96:10-13)
17. Why does Israel maintain her hope in God? (96:10-13)
18. What will motivate creation to praise the Lord? (96:11-13)

### Get It

19. What do the instructions in this psalm say to the nations today?
20. What reasons does this passage give us to worship the Lord?
21. What should be our motivation in praising God?
22. What about nature inspires you to praise God?
23. What does it mean to fear the Lord?
24. What do we have to offer to God?
- \* 25. What kind of worship does God desire?
26. How could you encourage your church leaders to keep your worship services fresh and captivating?
- \* 27. How can you declare the Lord's glory to others?

### Apply It

28. What is one thing you can do to revive your worship of God or make it more meaningful?
29. What gift of time, money, or service could you give to the Lord this week?
- \* 30. Who is one person you could tell about God's goodness?