

Great is the LORD and Greatly to Be Praised

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_____ is the LORD. (3, 8-9, 14-20)

_____ God's greatness moves us to _____. (1-2, 4-7, 10-13, 21)

Psalm 145

A Song of Praise. Of David.

¹ I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
² Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
³ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.
⁴ One generation shall commend
your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
⁶ They shall speak of the might of
your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.
⁷ They shall pour forth the fame of

your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.
¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!
¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
¹² to make known to the children of
man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout
all generations.

[The LORD is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.]

¹⁴The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and kind in all his works.

¹⁸The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.

²⁰The LORD preserves all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name
forever and ever. (ESV)

Personal Reflection or Group Discussion Questions

Open: What are some words you would use to describe God as great?

Read & Discuss: Psalm 145

1. How does David describe God in the opening verses (vv. 1-3)? How does David express his response to who God is? What words or phrases stand out to you, and why? How are these responses similar or different from your own?
2. Verses 4-7 speak of one generation commending God's works to another. How have you experienced this in your life? How are we doing this within NCAC? How can we do this better?
3. In verse 5, David speaks about meditating on God's "glorious splendor" and "wondrous works." What practices help you focus on God's greatness in your daily life? How might a more intentional practice of meditating on God's splendor lead to us better doing what verses 1-4 call us to?
4. What are we told about God's character in verses 8-9? Where do we see evidence of this in history or in creation? What response do you have to these attributes of God?
5. What do verses 10-13 reveal about the nature of God's reign? How should these truths bring us peace as we go through seeming instabilities in our world? What helps you keep these biblical truths prominent in your thoughts?
6. Re-read verse 14. What image of God does this verse stir in your mind? How have you experienced this care from God in your own life?
7. Verses 15-16 speak of God providing for all. How do we reconcile this description of God with what we see in the world around us? How should these truths shape the way we pray?
8. How do verses 17-20 illustrate God's righteousness and kindness? What does this verse imply about the connection between our heart's desire and our relationship with God? Why would this be?

Apply: This psalm is a call to worship. How can we more practically and intentionally incorporate praise and worship into our daily lives, just as David said in verse 1, "Every day I will bless you"?

Pray: Which verse from Psalm 145 resonates most with you personally, and why? Use that verse as a basis for prayer as you together spend time praising and extolling our great God.