



## Shout, Shout, Let it All Out Sunday Morning, November 22, 2015

*Psalm 100 (NIV)  
A psalm. For giving thanks.*

*Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.  
Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.  
Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.  
For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

### **ICEBREAKER:**

Talk about some of your Thanksgiving Day traditions. Are there any odd foods you routinely serve at the feast? Any funny or memorable stories? Share with each other.

### **QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Verse 1 says "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth." Why was the phrase "all the earth" used?
2. Read verse 3. What words are used to show our relationship to God? How does the relationship of sheep to shepherd help us understand our relationship to God? Why should

we be thankful to be sheep of his pasture?

3. Verse 4 tells us to "enter his gates with Thanksgiving." How do other phrases, such as "shout for joy," "worship with gladness," "know the Lord is God," "he made us," "we are his," "his love endures forever" help us enter his gates with thanksgiving?
4. This psalm was written in a time when the people would come into the presence of God by entering the temple and physically drawing near to God. As a NT people where we ourselves are the temple of the Holy Spirit, how do we approach God? Why should we approach Him with thanksgiving and praise?
5. Thanksgiving and joy are inextricably linked in this psalm. Perhaps the more thankful we are the more joyful we are and vice versa. Do you think this is true? Why or why not?