

5. Praise Collectively and Creatively - Reread Psalm 150.
 - a. How many different instruments are mentioned?
 - b. Why is a variety of instruments better than just one?
 - c. What impression does the growing collection of instruments create?
 - d. (*Going Deeper*). Read 1 Chronicles 16:4-6; 17:41-42
 - i. What is David as king organising for the service before the ark of the covenant?
 - ii. How many different people are involved and what gifts do they have?
 - iii. Why was it important for David to do this?

Applying it to our lives

6. How does gathering together with others regularly (weekly) to praise God with music help us and help them? For what other reasons should we do it?
7. How can we praise God more creatively at St. Luke's?
8. Verse 2 gives us reasons to praise God. How important is it that the words of the hymns and songs we use speak of 'God's acts of power' and 'his surpassing greatness'? Which hymns or Christian songs do this best?
9. In 'Breakout rooms' of two or three people, write a verse of a hymn of praise. Then come back together and share with the rest of the group.

GROWTH TEAMS



PRAYER



CARE



SHARE

**Week Beginning
Sunday 28th February 2021**

Growth Team News

Growth Teams are back for another series of sessions. They are a great place to meet with others, build relationships of care, pray for one another and share our understanding of God's word with each other.

This week we look at the theme of praising creatively.

With lockdown we have two Growth Teams running on Zoom:

Mon.	8:00pm	<i>on Zoom</i>
Thu.	8.00pm	<i>on Zoom</i>

Anyone is welcome to join us. Please contact Paul (01843 592562) for more information or to join a team.

Praising Creatively

Psalm 150 (page 634 in church Bibles)

Space to take notes on the talk

❖ Why praise God?

- Because _____
- Because _____
- Because _____

❖ How shall we praise God?

- C _____
- C _____

Getting to know each other

- ❖ What is your favourite Christian song or hymn?

Responding to the talk

1. What was the most important part of the message in this week's talk for you?
2. Praise! – Read Psalm 150. Then focus on verse 2:
 - a. List (On Zoom's Whiteboard?) all the 'acts of power' God has done.
 - b. List (On Zoom's Whiteboard?) words that describe God's 'surpassing greatness'.
 - Now use these words for people to say short prayers of praise to God.
3. Reread Psalm 150
 - a. Look at the start and end of Psalm 146-150. What do you notice?
 - b. How many times does Psalm 150 say, 'Praise God' or 'Praise Him!'?
 - c. Why is this Psalm a fitting conclusion to the whole collection of Psalms?
4. Praise in heaven – Read Revelation 4:1-11; 5:8-14
 - a. How is the importance of the one on the throne emphasised by this vision?
 - b. Who is involved in praising God and the lamb (Jesus)?
 - c. How does this fulfil Psalm 150:6?
 - d. What do we learn about God from the praise in chapter 4?
 - e. How does this encourage our praise today?
 - f. What do we learn about Jesus from the praise in chapter 5?
 - g. Why is Jesus worthy of our praise today?