

Christian Challenge of Wichita Study Guide  
Psalm 138  
11/21/24

*Read Psalm 138:1-8*

### **A Demonstration of Personal Gratitude (v. 1-3)**

- *How* does David demonstrate (not just communicate) personal gratitude?
- *Why* does David demonstrate personal gratitude?
- What is a characteristic of God's nature that you are thankful for right now? *Why*?
- Can you think of a time when you called out to God and He answered you and strengthened your soul? Share with the group and thank God.

### **An Anticipation of Global Gratitude (v. 4-6)**

*Read Matthew 24:14 and Matthew 28:19-20.*

*Now, read about the Apostle John's vision of the New Jerusalem, where we will dwell with God forever when Jesus returns, in Revelation 21:22-26.*

- Would you say the global gratitude that David anticipated around 3,000 years ago is *already* happening, *not yet* happening, or *some of both*? Explain.
- What role does the church play in God bringing about the vision of Revelation 21?
- How might an anticipation of global gratitude give us passion for making disciples of all nations?
- The thing that will lead all the kings of the earth to give God praise is *hearing His Word* (v. 4). How does that shape the way we think about making disciples of all nations?

### **A Culmination of Present Hope (v. 7-8)**

- What circumstances in your life make it difficult to maintain gratitude and hope?
- Are you tempted to hang your hope on any of these things: your feelings, your ability, public opinion, or empty axioms ("It'll work itself out...")?
- What would it look like to hang your hope on who God is, what God has done, and what God will do? How might it help you maintain gratitude and hope?

### **Application**

- What is something you could do to celebrate Thanksgiving this week by truly practicing gratitude?