

OVERVIEW

In **Psalm 48**, the psalmist proclaims the greatness of the Lord. Despite threats from earthly rulers, the psalm underscores God's enduring security for His people, affirming that He is their reliable protection and guide forever.

OHANA TIME!

Icebreaker: Share an fun/interesting detail about yourself that others may not know about. **Or** What's a favorite memory you have from a holiday, vacation, or special celebration?

Activity: Invite a friend to your Ohana group!

PRAYER

Pray: "Lord, in Your greatness and steadfast love, be our fortress and guide forever, so that we may stand secure in You and proclaim Your mighty works to every generation."

BIBLE: READ PSALM 48

1. The psalm opens by declaring, "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised." How does this psalm portray God's greatness, and what specific attributes or actions highlight His superiority?
2. Psalm 48 describes Zion (Jerusalem) as God's holy mountain, the joy of all the earth. Why do you think the psalmist emphasizes Zion's significance, and what does it symbolize for God's people?
3. Verses 3–8 speak about the kings who came against Jerusalem and fled in fear. How does this imagery convey the idea that true security is found in God rather than human power or fortifications?
4. The psalm mentions that God's name is praised "to the ends of the earth" (v. 10). What does it mean for God's name (His character and reputation) to be praised, and how might we live in a way that honors His name?
5. While Psalm 48 speaks directly about Jerusalem, how can we apply its message of God's protection and presence to the Church today? What does it look like for God to be "within" His people now?
6. The psalm invites readers to "walk about Zion" and observe her defenses. Why might the psalmist encourage a physical examination of the city, and how might we metaphorically "walk around" and remember God's faithfulness in our own lives?

APPLICATION

1. The last verses speak of telling future generations about God. What are some stories of God's power and faithfulness that you can share with those coming after us, whether our children or others in our family/community?
2. The psalm closes proclaiming that God will be our guide "forever." In what situations do you most need God's guidance right now, and how can this psalm encourage you to trust Him more deeply?

