



## **DWELLING IN THE WORD**

*A devotional resource for committees & teams*

### **Psalm 8:1, 3-4, 9 (NRSV)**

O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?  
O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

### **Psalm 100 (NRSV)**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.  
Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

### **Psalm 103:1-5 (NRSV)**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits—  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.



**1. Provide pencils/pens and a copy** of this handout to each team member.

**2. Read aloud a Scripture passage** from the suggestions to the left. Invite listeners to **circle words or phrases** that they notice as the Scripture is read.

**3. Allow a few moments** of silence for quiet reflection. Then, **share** your observations with each other.

**4. If time,** invite those present to **respond** to one or more of these questions:

\* Where and when was this passage written, what do we know about this part of the ancient world? About the author?

\* What do I notice about the language, repetition, dialogue and descriptions?

\* How might people from other cultures and generations hear this passage?

\* What stories or memories does this passage stir in me?

**5. Pause for prayer,** giving thanks for God's word shared here today.

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*What other theme would you like to consider?*

*Which Scripture verses could you read?*

*What questions might you ask?*