

# “Why the Psalms?”

## Week 1: Introduction to the Psalms

Psalms are \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Greek: sung to the accompaniment of \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Old Testament

Psalms largely used in \_\_\_\_\_ worship

Psalms are the most quoted OT book in the New Testament (\_\_\_ times)

You will find \_\_\_\_\_ in the Psalms

### **As you read the Psalms, ask yourself:**

1. Who is talking?
2. What is the picture being described by the psalmist?

### **Characteristics of the Psalms:**

1. Repetition
2. Metaphor
3. Ellipsis
4. Parallelism

5. Interpretation challenges
6. Psalms are God's Word to us
7. Psalms are our words to God

### **Five Book Divisions in Psalms**

- Book One: Psalms 1-41
- Book Two: Psalms 42-72
- Book Three: Psalms 73-89
- Book Four: Psalms 90-106
- Book Five: Psalms 107-150

### **Author Designations:**

- David
- Asaph
- Sons of Korah
- Solomon
- Moses
- Herman
- Ethan
- Anonymous

### **Kinds of Psalms**

- Psalms of Lament
- Penitential Psalms
- Psalms of Accent
- Messianic Psalms
- Psalms of Praise
- Wisdom Psalms
- Imprecatory Psalms

Jesus in the Psalms