

## **Bible Study**

### **Psalm 98**

#### **Opening Question:**

How would you explain to a non-Christian the reasons that we sing in church? Are these reasons reflected in (a) our practice as a church, and (b) your attitude as an individual in church? How can these be improved?

#### **Read Psalm 98**

1. How is God described in this Psalm?
  
2. Psalm 98 can be divided into three stanzas: v1-3, v4-6, and v7-9. What do you think is the theme of each stanza?
  
3. What 'wonderful things' does the psalmist celebrate in V1-3? Why does the Lord do these marvellous things?
  - 4a. What response does the Psalmist call us to?
  - 4b. How many times does this psalm call for joy and singing?
  - 4c. In what ways might we rob the Lord of the credit he deserves?
  
- 5a Why should the Christian life be joyful life?
- 5b Where do Christians find their joy?
- 5c How can we let our joy overflow to others?

6. What connections do you see between this psalm and the Christmas carol, "Joy to the World"?

7a. What "marvellous things" do Christians have to celebrate?

7b. What are your favourite New Testament passages to describe the salvation/victory that the Lord has won for us?

8. What is the new song referred to by the Psalmist?

9. What v9 anticipate?

**Personal Reflection:**

Do you yearn for the outcomes mentioned in v9 with the joy and anticipation described in this Psalm? How should this be reflected in your life? What might stop you?