

Message Summary: Independence Day is probably the most patriotic holiday that Americans observe yet many citizens are feeling there is nothing to celebrate. The pandemic, uprisings and other social ills make scores of people think there is no reason to be hopeful. Is this true? Absolutely not! The Israelites found themselves in a similar situation but declared their trust in God and looked for His blessing rather than giving in to defeat.

God Bless America!

Psalm 115:1-18

- I. Glory Belongs to God (vss. 1-8)

- II. Our Trust is in God (vss. 9-11)

- III. Blessing Comes from God (vss. 12-15)

- IV. Praise is for God (vss. 16-18)

LifeGroup Questions:

BEGIN IT- (5 min) Sing praise to the Lord & pray that God leads the study.

OPEN IT-(10 min) What does your celebration of July 4th typically look like?

EXPLORE IT- (60 min) Read Psalm 115 and review Sunday's sermon outline together and stop along the way to add people's notes from the message.

1. If you are feeling hopeless about America, what issue is making you feel that way? What does our nation need at this time, in your opinion?
2. What was the concern of the Israelites in Vss.1-2? How might this change our prayers for our nation?
3. What is the overall tone of vss. 12-15? How do these verses impart hope?
4. How does verse 16 affect your opinion of the earth and your responsibility of it?

APPLY IT- (15 min) Take time to bless God, thanking Him for His goodness. Then, bless America, speaking His greatest good over her.