

# SHORT TAKES

## Thanksgiving 2022

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Psalms 100:3 (NLT)

3. Remember, \_\_\_\_\_ .

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Psalms 34:1 (KJV)

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Psalm 30:5 (NIRV)

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Revelation 7:9 (NIV)

### **Discussion Questions**

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2. What willows are you facing in this season?
3. What does the palm branch represent?
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