

(1) What has your opinion been, up until now, of instrumental background music? Have you found it to be distracting, manipulative, or helpful? What does the experience of David and Saul in 1 Samuel 16:14-23 tell us about how God might employ music in bringing spiritual healing to a person?

(2) What do you make of Elisha and his experience with music in 2 Kings 3:15? How is it that music serves to facilitate the exercise of prophecy? Could either instrumental music or singing serve to help facilitate the exercise of spiritual gifts? If so, how? If not, why not?

(3) Let each person describe his/her attitude toward singing. Does it come naturally or does it feel forced? How does singing differ in your experience from merely speaking? Why do you think God placed so much emphasis in Scripture on singing?

(4) What is meant by “undistracting excellence” in our worship services? Do you agree with our approach on this matter? What do you find “distracting” in our services? What do you find most helpful as you seek to honor and enjoy God during corporate praise?

(5) What is the difference, if any, between “performance” and “excellence”? Give specific examples to explain your answer.