

WORSHIP SERIES

Second Rhythm: *Singing*

Sermon Texts

- Ephesians 5:18-20
- Colossians 3:16
- Zephaniah 3:14-17

Sermon Recap

God has ordained that singing be a means of glorifying His name and conforming us more into the image of Jesus Christ.

Sermon Highlights

Singing vertically glorifies God, and horizontally exhorts one another.

Singing conforms us into the image of Christ, helps us war against sin, sustains us through afflictions, and glorifies God.

God sings with great delight over those who are in Christ.

Other Resources

Bob Kauflin interview: <http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/singing-helps-us-feel-the-gospel>

Article on focus in worship: <http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/blessed-are-the-undistracted>



Study Questions

- 1. Introduction (optional):** have someone read Psalm 100 aloud and open in prayer. Encourage your group to pray about any particular line from Psalm 100 that “sticks out” to them. After you finish praying, ask everyone why they chose that one particular line to pray over.
2. What have been your experiences with music in the church? How have you historically viewed it in the past? How has your view of music and singing in the church changed over the years?
3. In what way did the previous sermon challenge, affirm, or instruct you on this topic of music and singing?
4. What is the regular state of your heart and mind when you sing on Sundays? When has been a time that you felt the presence of Christ deeply, and when was a time you felt very dry? Why do you think you had those individual experiences?
5. Read Acts 16:22-26. How does singing bless their souls in

Family Discipleship

Questions

What do you like about music?
Why do you think God would give us music?

Take some time to read Zephaniah 3:17 or Psalm 100 together. What does this teach us about God and singing?

How do you feel about singing in church? Do you feel like you enjoy Jesus when you sing in church?

How can we help each other enjoy singing at church?

Practical Helps

Sing a simple hymn or lullaby to your children to begin building “little theology” into their minds.

Begin teaching bits and pieces of the CAB worship songs and tell your kids when the line is coming.

Sound Bites: *helpful sayings that summarize points from sermon.*

Music was meant to be Godward.

Moments: *these are practical ways to apply what you learned.*

Find appropriate times to play Christ-centered music in your house and car to create an atmosphere of “singing to the Lord always.”

Look for opportunities to talk about the songs that people in the family like.

the midst of great affliction and suffering? Why do you think gospel-centered song helps those who suffer?

6. Read Zephaniah 3:14-17 (be sure to give some time for the passage to sink in because of its profundity). Do you believe in your heart (not just your mind) that God “*delights*” in you and “*rejoices over you with loud singing*”? What do you think are some hindrances to your ability to *feel* the weight of this passage? (personal sin, shame, guilt, dryness, depression, etc)

7. According to the passage, what seems to be the main reason we are able to sing to God, and God delighting to sing over us? (hint: “*The Lord has taken away the judgments against you.*” v. 15a) How does this ultimately relate to God’s delight in us today through the gospel?

Going Deeper (optional)

1. Read through Ephesians 5:18-20 and Colossians 3:16 parallel to one another. What are the similarities and differences? What does this tell you about the relationship between being “*filled with the Spirit*” and “*letting the word of Christ dwell in you richly*”?

2. What are the implications of this for a “Spirit-filled heart” that sings to the Lord always, and personal Bible reading and memorization?

