



Providence

Presbyterian Church

Salvation Songs | Psalm 98
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Tips and Tricks:

The sermon notes are designed to be used as a guide for discussion. Don't feel like you have to use every question. Some questions will take a while to work through and others will be over in a few seconds.

1. Don't teach the lesson. The sermon was just preached. Just ask the questions and let everyone else talk.
2. Let other people ask questions. It's OK to go "off topic" for a while. Sometimes those conversations are more interesting anyway!
3. Have fun. Don't forget to laugh and crack up. Relationships, not curriculum, are the heartbeat of our ministry. Remember: We have to build a relational bridge strong enough to hold the truth!

Agenda for Group Time

1. Ice Breaker - Lighthearted ice breaker question (10 minutes)
2. Discussion - Bible study, sharing and application. (25 Minutes)
3. Prayer - Pray together (5 minutes)
4. Planning - Remember to talk about what's coming up.

Icebreaker

Question: What kind of music did you listen to when you were growing up?

- Rock and Roll
- Hip Hop
- Country
- Alternative
- Other: _____

What was the last concert you went to?

Read Psalm 98

We are Created to Sing

Which songs did you sing to your children at bedtime?

God sings over his children. We see this in Zephaniah:
[17] The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.
(Zephaniah 3:17)

Question: How does it make you feel to know that God sings over you?

- Surprised
- Loved
- Cherished
- Safe
- Other: _____

In Psalm 98:7-9, the creation sings to God. Which parts of creation sing in these verses?

We are Commanded to Sing

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*
-Psalm 98:4

Question: Why do you think God has commanded us to sing to Him?

- He likes music
- Singing helps shape what we love
- Singing brings his people together
- Singing is a good way to pass the time
- Other: _____

Look at verses 5-6 again. What kind of music style does this passage seem to support?

- Only hymns
- Only Psalms
- Only Praise songs
- The Psalm supports a variety of styles
- Other: _____

You are going to need to be willing to lay down your own tastes for the good of the wider assembly. For as long as we have health and the ability, we are called to sing with the people of God, and to love the people in our church enough to serve each other in the way we sing.
-The Gettys

Why is it difficult to sing songs that aren't our favorite style? But why is it important to sing songs, tunes, to the Lord we might not like?

How does God use singing to shape what we love? To help us grow spiritually?

We are Compelled to Sing

Question: What reasons does the Psalm give for singing to the Lord (vv1-3)?

Read Romans 8:1-2

How would these verses give us good reasons to sing?

What kind of music helps you sing to the Lord?

- Hymns
- KLOVE
- Praise Music
- All of the above
- Other: _____

What is your favorite Christian song or hymn and what truths are in that song that help you in your walk with Jesus?

Work It Out!

One thing I'll do differently because of this sermon:
