

Why do we sing when we gather? (Exodus 15)

- Singing allows us to express ourselves _____ as a _____.
(Exodus 14:30-15:1)
- Singing allows us to express not just _____, but _____ and _____.
(15:2, 6, 8)
- Singing is the appropriate _____ to the _____ and _____ of God.
- Singing helps us _____ and _____.
(15:13, 17-18)

What does singing do? (Ephesians 5:15-20, Colossians 3:15-17)

- When we sing, we make an _____ that _____ God.
(Hebrews 13:15)
- When we sing, we make our gratitude _____.
- When we sing we _____ and _____ each other.
- When we sing we live out the _____ of the _____.
(Romans 15:5-6)
- When we sing we join with the singing of _____, _____, and _____.
(Isaiah 6:1-3, Psalm 19:1-5, Ephesians 5:128-19, Hebrews 2:11-12, Zephaniah 3:17)

Conclusion

- God wants us to serve him with our _____, _____, and _____.
- Singing as a church is about _____ first, _____ second, and _____ last.
- The singing of God's people can _____ the _____.

Small Group Questions

1. GETTING STARTED:

- What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
- What is your favorite hymn or worship song right now? Why?

2. INTO THE BIBLE (READ PSALM 136)

- What does the Psalmist want his audience to do in this Psalm, according to v. 1-3?
- This Psalm is about helping people to remember. Which events does this Psalm highlight? Why?
- What is the recurring theme of this Psalm? How does it connect the goal of the Psalm with the stories?
- As a Christian, what other events would you add to this Psalm if you rewrote it?

3. GOING DEEPER

- What role does the heart play in our relationship with God? Why do we need to involve the heart as well as the head?
- Today we often approach singing as a personal experience. What does it mean to approach singing as a group experience? How might that change your expectations or preferences?
- How has singing in church changed you? How are you different because you sing with God's people? If you're not sure, then how could someone be different because they sing with God's people?

4. PRAYER

- Thank God for the ways he has changed you through singing, and ask him to continue to (or begin to) transform you through singing with God's people.