

Stuff We Do At Church and Why: We Sing Psalm 57; Psalm 100; Mark 14:26; Ephesians 5:18-20

We all seem to have an innate love and appreciation for music.

Music is woven into creation and is something we merely discovered.

Music connects us.

- Music acts as a bonding agent.
- Music reminds us and brings to mind things we have forgotten.
- Music reminds us who God is and what He has done.

Music has a way of moving us emotionally and even spiritually.

- Music helps us to be fully invested in the moment.
- Singing songs of praise brings us into the presence of God.
- Music moves us to hold on to the hope of a better future.

Music transcends this world, enabling us to experience eternal things.

- Music has a way of speaking to our hearts.
- Music helps us discover the “wow moments.”
- Music is a gift that allows us to interact with God in a bigger way.

Challenge: Be here. Be present. Participate.

Daily Readings: We Sing

Since the beginning of time, music has been part of life on the earth. It is not simply background noise. It is God’s soundtrack, speaking to the deepest part of who we are as His children.

MONDAY – Read Psalm 57. What kind of circumstance or situation does David appear to be in – good or bad? Many believe David is hiding in a cave, running from his enemy. What “caves” – tough times – have you found yourself in before? According to vv. 7-8 what does David do to help his situation? How has music helped you calm a desperate situation?

TUESDAY – Read Psalm 100. In what ways does Psalm 100 help us understand the nature of true praise and thanksgiving? What are the ways we praise and give thanks to God besides with words? Does Psalm 100 help you to truly praise and thank God for who He is and all that He has done?

WEDNESDAY – Read Ephesians 5:18-20. According to Ephesians 5:19 what should our songs in worship be? Have you ever wondered why God desires for his people to sing? What role should singing play in the life of a Christian? How can our singing help build others up?

THURSDAY – Read Colossians 3:15-17. How does singing stands alongside of preaching as one of the two ways that God’s Word dwells in each one of us! How has music and hymns helped you to memorize or recall God’s Word?

FRIDAY – Read Psalm 105:1-15. Think of the impact on someone who doesn’t know Christ to hear confessions of faith as we sing together. How can good corporate worship be naturally evangelistic to unbelievers?

SATURDAY – Read Acts 16:18-40. Often times, we think only of singing when we’re happy and times are good, but singing and bringing strength for trial comes out in Acts 16. Paul and Silas are unjustly imprisoned for the sake of the Gospel, and what do they do while they’re in prison? If it can strengthen them in the face of these trials – what can it do for you?

