

SING

Why Do We Sing?

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Why do we spend so much time singing in church?

1. We sing because God _____ to sing.
(1 Chronicles 16.23, Psalm 30.4, Colossians 3.15)
2. We sing because the content of our songs helps us remember _____ and _____ . And we need help remembering things! (*That's part of why He wants us to sing!*)

What happens when we worship?

Worship is the journey from _____ to _____ to _____ .

*The Bible summarized in one word: **Remember!** Remember who God is. Remember what He has done. Remember that there is a right way to live in response to that.*

Why do the words to our songs matter?

- “Show me your songbook, and I’ll show you your theology.” - Anonymous
- The words we sing matter because they shape how we think about God and how we respond to Him.
- This series won’t focus on style, because style is a matter of how each culture and each generation _____ with God.
- Instead, this series will focus on the _____ that songs of many styles can express.

An example: Isaac Watt’s “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
Galatians 6.14

Notes on Watt’s lyrics:

“ . . . love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.”

Talk it over...with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.

- Why do you think the Bible commands us to sing so often? Besides helping us remember, what other roles do you see music playing in our worship lives?
- How would you define worship? Did the definition of worship as a journey from remembrance to encounter to response connect with you? If not, how would you define it?
- Why do you feel like God had you here today? What do you need to do with what you experienced during your time at Redeemer this morning? What kind of response is God perhaps calling you to make?

Some next steps: Here are some things you can do this week to dig deeper:

- Go home and think about your favorite worship songs. Maybe it's a hymn or maybe a more modern song. Take some time and sit down with the lyrics and prayerfully consider them. In what ways do they help you remember truths about God? What kind of response do they call for in your life, your words, your thoughts, or your actions?
- Take a stab at writing a song (or at least the lyrics to a song). Think about a favorite Bible story or passage. If you had to summarize it or put it into new words, how would you do it? What parts would you draw out and emphasize? How would you challenge and invite people to live differently in light of the truth found there?
- Remember to be praying this week for our Vacation Bible School—for all the kids who will come through our doors and hear about God's love for them and sing about His love, too.

