

# The Worshiping Church: Singing in Spirit and Truth, Part 1

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**Key Truth:** We worship God truly when we sing in spirit and truth.

What we sing and how we sing are important. Just as teaching the Bible, prayer, and service are important components of our worship, so is singing. Because Jesus' life and work were "Cross-Shaped," worshiping him must also be both vertical and horizontal. So, when we worship, we are certainly focused on God, but we're also mindful of each other. That is true of teaching, prayer, serving, and ... Singing!

## DISCUSS

Spend some time discussing with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon on "Singing in Spirit and Truth, Part 1"

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### Reasons to Sing in Worship:

1. **Singing is Mandated in Scripture.** (1 Chronicles 16:23; Psalm 30:4; Psalm 100, etc.; Isaiah 42:10; Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16)

**Read 1 Chronicles 16:23:** What does this tell us about singing?

2. **Singing is Modeled in Scriptures.** (Exodus 15:1, 21; Judges 5:3; 2 Chronicles 20:22; Matthew 26:30; Mark 14:26; Acts 16:25)

**Read Exodus 15:1:** What does this verse say about the kinds of things we should sing about?

3. **Singing Teaches and Edifies the Church.** (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16)

**Read Ephesians 5:19:** In what ways does this edify the church?

Why do you think singing is such a great teaching tool?

4. **Singing Verbalizes our Faith.** (Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:15-20)

**Read either Philippians 2:5-11 or Colossians 1:15-20:** What do these verses teach us about Christ and the Christian Faith?

5. **Singing Evangelizes the Lost.** (Psalm 105:1-2)

**Read Psalm 105:1-2:** Why do saved and unsaved alike need to hear what these verses teach?

6. **Singing prepares us for Suffering.** (Psalm 42:1-6a; 147:1-3; Matthew 26:30; Mark 14:26; Acts 16:25)

**Read Psalm 42:1-6a:** In what ways do these verses build us up when we are suffering or when we are about to go through difficulty?

7. **Singing prepares us for Eternity.** (Revelation 5:9-10; 14:3)

**Read Revelation 5:9-10:** What is the content of the "new song" that is to be sung in heaven? What makes it a "new song?"

## DO

This week, pray to God as you renew your commitment to singing songs of praise to His glory, in the knowledge of what he has done, is doing, and will do.

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