

RIVERLAKES COMMUNITY CHURCH
“SING”
WEEK THREE – “WHERE WE SING”

OVERVIEW

Through the first two weeks of our “Sing” sermon series, we have looked at the Biblical support for “What we Sing” and “Why we Sing” as a Church. In this third leg of our journey, we will examine what Scripture says concerning “Where we Sing” as the body of Christ.

Scripture makes it very clear that we are to sing together as a corporate body when we gather as the Church. When we sing together as the Church, we glorify God, build up each other and serve as a witness to an unbelieving world. God's Word also encourages us to sing the meaningful and deep rooted songs of the faith with our families as a way to teach our children the great truths of God.

OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your “secret place” where you really like to sing (shower, car, office, alone in nature, etc.)? Why will you belt it out in this “secret place” and not other venues?

2. How should you respond and serve others when the Church sings a song that isn't your style or preference and you don't particularly enjoy or find engaging?

3. When and how do you prepare for Church on Sunday morning prior to the service?

4. Martin Luther's vision for Church singing was one of encouraging Christians as they fought their spiritual battles. How much of our Church singing today equips us for spiritual battles?

5. If you grew up in a Christian home, what songs from your childhood do you most remember? What Bible verses and stories do you know because of songs? What songs have you or do you want to pass down to your children and grandchildren?

DIGGING INTO GOD'S WORD

1. What does Acts 2:46-47 tell us about the elements that should exist in our Church services? What are some of the ways we glorify God in our Church services at RCC?

2. Ephesians 5:18b-19 tells us we should be filled with the Spirit when we worship God.
 - a. What does Paul mean when he says be "filled with the Spirit"?

 - b. What does Paul mean when he says "address one another" in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs?

3. What does Colossians 3:16 tell us about the content of the songs we sing? Why is it important that we sing songs that are theologically and doctrinally accurate?
 - a. What does he mean by "psalms"? Can you give an example of a song based on a psalm?

 - b. What does he mean by "hymns"? What is a favorite hymn of yours that teaches and/or admonishes? Why is this hymn so meaningful and impactful to you?

 - c. What does he mean by "spiritual songs"? Give an example of a "new" spiritual song that is theologically and doctrinally accurate and that really has impacted you. Why does this song impact you so much?

4. How do worship songs witness to an unbelieving world (1 Corinthians 14:24-25)?

CHALLENGES/APPLICATION

1. What were one or two applications/challenges from the message on Sunday (September 22) that moved you to start implementing in your corporate worship time at Church and/or with your families at home?