# RIVERLAKES COMMUNITY CHURCH "SING" WORSHIP SERIES WEEK TWO: "WHY WE SING"

### OVERVIEW

If someone were to ask you why we sing in church, how would you answer that question?

In this second week of our "Sing" Sermon Series, we will look at the question of why we sing. We sing because we were created by God to sing. Over 50 times in Scripture, we are commanded to sing praises to the Lord. As followers of Christ, we are compelled by the Gospel to sing to our great God because of the unending love and amazing grace He has extended to us through Jesus.

#### **OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. What are some of the reasons you have heard people give as to why we sing in church?
- 2. What do you experience during congregational singing feelings of joy, fear, selfconsciousness, freedom, etc.? Why?
- 3. How do you feel about singing not only songs you like, but songs you "need" to sing?
- 4. Is there a link between thankfulness and singing? Explain your thoughts.
- 5. How does singing complete the enjoyment of the Gospel?

## DIGGING INTO GOD'S WORD

- 1. What do Genesis 1:27 and Zephaniah 3:17 tell us about how we were created in God's image to sing?
- 2. There are over 400 references to singing in Scripture. The majority of these are found in the Psalms. What do each of these verses tell us in regards to God and singing?

a.	Psalm 33:3
b.	Psalm 47:6-7
c.	Psalm 95:1
d.	Psalm 98:1-5
e.	Psalm 149:1

3. How is worship a response to revelation (Revelation 5:9-10; 15:3-4)? What devotional practices in your own life might help you connect congregational singing as a response to freedom in Christ?

# CHALLENGES/APPLICATION

- 1. What were one or two applications/challenges from the message on Sunday (September 15) that you were spurred to start implementing in your corporate worship time at church?
- 2. What song(s) would you consider to be your personal "testimony" song?