

# Small Group Questions

Sermon: 17 September 2023



## SCRIPTURE

Psalm 100

## OVERVIEW

Sam finished our Fuel series speaking about how corporate singing can fuel our devotion to God. Psalm 100 is a great example of the call on all believers to keep singing praises to God, and Sam unpacked 6 reasons why from the Psalm, spelling out CHORUS to help us remember:

**C**reated to – our God is a singing God, and we express that by taking the song that's within us and letting it out as praises to God

**H**onours God – worship is about what we put worth to. God is worthy of our praises, so it is our duty to sing together to bring glory to the King of kings.

**O**rientates our hearts – songs have a way of connecting with our hearts and stirring our affections. We sing to God not just as a duty, but as a joy – that he is the one our hearts desire. This world wants our hearts to love worldly things, so singing together is also a weapon to protect our hearts.

**R**ecalls truth – lyrics are sticky, getting stuck in our heads and staying there for years and years. Songs help us to collectively remember who God is and what He's done; songs that use bible verses and express biblical truths help us to remember what God has said through His word.

**U**nites us – The church is the body of Christ, and singing makes this evident and tangible. By uniting in voice through melody and lyrics, we remind ourselves and show the world that we belong to God. Song unites us with the song that is going on in the heavenly places and will be going on for eternity.

**S**tirs emotions – Songs don't quell our the range of human emotions; they engage with them. We are not after emotionalism, but our gatherings should be full of emotion and songs help us to express them and bring them to God.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. How do you feel about singing? Would you describe yourself as a singer?
2. Which of the points above stands out to you particularly? Why is that?

3. What do we collectively experience as we sing together as a church? What is distinct about it to the rest of the gathering?
  
4. How would you feel about starting a song spontaneously in a church gathering? Think of a gathering you might feel able to give it a go, and why it could be so great for both you and others present if you were to do it!