

Why do I worship

Theology of singing

Today we are focusing on singing. I know worship is more than singing and we will deal with that later. True worship is God centered. John 4:24 – worship in spirit and truth. It's objective and subjective. What we sing shapes our thinking and expresses our emotions. What we know about God and how well we know God generates worship. Music does not produce worship it expresses. **Jesus loves me this I know** – is full of theology. It's all about God. Romans 12:1-2 – true worship comes from reviewing mercies, renewing minds, and responding to God. Emotion does not determine good worship. A successful worship is when God is glorified and the people are encouraged. It doesn't matter if its with instruments or not. A cappella simply means in chapel style. While a cappella is not commanded what is commanded is that people lift up their voices. Anything that hinders that is not good. Worship is about God. Look at the words to the song Cornerstone and note the theology.

Cornerstone

In Christ Alone

Missiology of singing - simply means mission. We have a mission in singing. Singing is commanded by God. Don't take it lightly. Eph. 5:18ff – be filled with the Spirit. Speak, teach, sing, make music, giving thanks and submit in the fear of Christ. We are responsible. Singing together is not about turning down the lights to give individuals personal moments with God but it's about turning up the togetherness giving God glory as a family. We sing to one another, not just God. And when the lost person happens to be in our gathering and see this they exclaim according to 1 Cor. 14:25 God is really among you. Sometimes it's about volume. You can't whisper a shout. We need to be loud with our voices. **Shout Hallelujah**. Sometimes it's about quietness. **Christ we do all adore thee**.

All the earth

Hallelujah, Salvation and Glory

Doxology of singing – God gets the glory. Woman who anoints the feet of Jesus is a great picture of worship. Men and women seeing the greatness of Jesus and responding with worship. The disciples in the boat. Seeing the lame walk, the blind can see, the leper is cleaned, people are forgiven – all these result in spontaneous praise and glory to God. Give God the glory for he is worthy. Revelation 5:11-14. We will worship the lamb of glory. Open the eyes of my heart Lord to see you high and lifted up.

There is none like you

I worship you Almighty God

I sing praises to your name

Revelation song

Invitation