

Created for Worship

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Part 5: “Corporate Worship: Singing and Praying the Word”

Review

What should mark our time in Corporate Worship?

Watch video

Singing the Word. This has always been a crucial element of worship (Psalm 100:1-5)

- In the temple, the synagogue, in the early church, and even in heaven itself
- It is a unique way to express our emotions

“The Psalms are an anatomy of the soul.” – John Calvin

But what should mark our music?

- Biblically informed and theologically rich and accurate words.
- A simple (but not simplistic) tune that’s easy to sing.
- A consistent tune that complements the subject
- We should all be able to hear one another (Col 3:16)

Praying the Word. Our churches are to be filled with prayer

- The beginning of worship in the temple was marked by prayer (1 Kings 8:22-23)
- We draw near to God by prayer as He draws near to us by His Spirit (Mat 21:13b; Acts 2:42, 6:4)
- Jesus teaches us to pray corporately. “Our Father... give, forgive, lead, deliver us” (Mat 6:9-13). The expectation is that God’s people are a praying people together.
- Learning to pray is a lifelong task. Struggling to pray is no shame, but prayerlessness is.