

## 9/17/17 | I Love My Church: Song

*"Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together."*—Psalm 103:2



### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is your favorite song, and why? If a different song, what is your favorite worship song, and why?
2. What makes a song a worship song?
3. Read Psalm 150 and Psalm 103:19-22. How can we praise the Lord? When? Do we have to be in the right mood first? Do you ever feel the Spirit moving you to sing praises? Do you act on it?
4. Consider this quote:

*"There is, perhaps, no exercise that, on the whole, strengthens us as much as praising God. Sometimes, even when prayer fails, praise will encourage our hearts. It seems to prepare us for action; it pours a holy anointing oil on the head and the spirit; it gives us a joy of the Lord, which is always our strength (Nehemiah 8:10). Sometimes, if you begin to sing in a halfhearted mood, you can sing yourself up the ladder. Singing will often make the heart rise. The song, though at first it may appear to drag, will soon be fitted with wings that lift the spirit. Sing more, my friends, and you will sing more still, for the more you sing, the more you will be able to sing the praises of God. Singing will glorify God; it will comfort you; it will also prove attractive to those who are hesitating to become involved in the life of the church."*

—Charles Spurgeon, *The Power in Praising God*

What point was Spurgeon trying to make? Have you ever noticed praise songs strengthening you?

5. Have you found comfort in singing before?
6. How can singing "prove attractive" to others?

7. What does Nehemiah 8:10 reveal about Spurgeon's words?
  
8. Scan Exodus 15. Why were the Israelites singing? Do you sing when God grants you victory?
  
9. Scan 2 Samuel 22. Why was David singing? How easy had his life been up to this point? Do you praise God for your times of distress? Do you praise Him for your times of comfort?
  
10. Read Acts 16:22-34. Why did Paul and Silas sing? Would you have sung? How did God use the singing?
  
11. Revelation 19:1-7. Is this singing? Is this praise? Why are they shouting? Do you ever shout praise to God?
  
12. How can God use music in your life? How can you use music in someone else's life?

**TAKEAWAY:** Move from spectator to participant.