

For the Love of God (and Each Other), Sing! Psalm 147:1

SERMON OUTLINE

Intro: Jan Hus and Martin Luther

I. We are Called to Sing

- A. Psalm 147:1
- B. It is good and pleasant to sing praises to God
- C. A song of praise is fitting (becoming)

II. We were Created to Sing

- A. We are wired to sing
- B. We have been singing since the beginning

III. We are Commanded to Sing

- A. Scripture commands us to sing
 - 1. Colossians 3:16–17
 - 2. Ephesians 5:18–20
- B. We are commanded to sing for our own good
- C. We are commanded to sing for the good of others

IV. We are Compelled to Sing

- A. We sing from gospel motivation
- B. Worship is a response to revelation

V. We Will Continue to Sing

- A. Revelation 5:8–9 - the saints sing the gospel
- B. Revelation 15:1–4 - the saints sing of the glory & goodness of God

OBJECTIONS TO SINGING IN CHURCH

- “Singing is for sissies”
- “I can’t sing in your key”
- “I don’t have a good singing voice”
- “I’m unhappy, burdened, or stressed”
- “I don’t know the songs”
- “I don’t like the songs”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your all-time favorite hymn? Worship song? Why?
2. What is your go-to music for processing your emotions?
3. What are some faulty views you have had about congregational singing in the past?
4. When are you most tempted to not sing at church?
5. Which of the six objections stepped on your toes the most?
6. What can you do ahead of time to prepare your heart for congregational worship?

OTHER QUESTIONS THAT MAY HELP

1. What does this text tell us about God?
2. What does this text tell us about man?
3. What should I put on or put off in my thinking?
4. What should I put on or put off in my doing?

LAST WEEK’S HOMEWORK

1. Make a practical commitment & plan to study God’s Word.
2. Text or call someone in your CG to pray with or encourage.

HOMEWORK

1. Listen to some of our church’s songs on Spotify playlist.
2. Next Sunday, spend time diligently praying and preparing to sing (and listen to the sermon) before arriving for worship.

2 Timothy 3:16	THINKING	DOING				
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