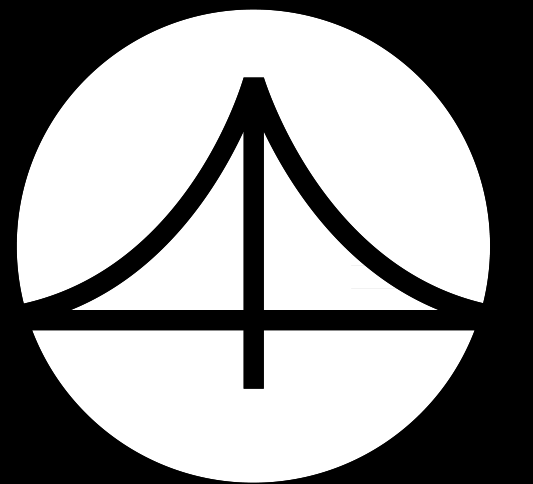


Why We Do... Singing



**There are lots of reasons it is good for
Christians to sing together.**

- **A Wrong Reason**
- **Singing Celebrates**
- **Singing Helps Us Remember**
- **Singing Spreads God's Word**
- **Singing Makes Our Joy Complete**

A Wrong Reason

- We DON'T sing to earn God's love or prove we're good Christians
- Amos 5:23-24 - "Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."
- If your life doesn't match what you sing on Sunday, God listens to your life, not your song

Singing Celebrates

- God created us and rescued us
- Psalm 92:1 - “It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High.”
- Psalm 147:1 - “Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting”

Singing Helps Us Remember

- Singing helps God's word stick with us
- Remembering God's word helps us live it out
- Psalm 18:49 - "For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations, and sing to your name."

Singing Spreads God's Word

- Colossians 3:16 - "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

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- Psalm 96:1-3 - "O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!"
- Isaiah 12:5 - "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth."

Singing Spreads God's Word

- Acts 16:25 - “About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.”

Singing Makes Our Joy Complete

- Our appreciation of God and His goodness to us becomes deeper when we get to express it in song
- Psalm 30:11-12 - “You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!”