

The Songs We Should Sing Small Group Guide

Warm-up Questions:

1. If you could choose one song to play every time you entered a room, like your own personal theme song, what would it be?
2. Imagine you could magically pick up any new skill today—what would you choose?

Read the following passages: Psalm 98:1-9, Exodus 15:1-21, Matthew 26:30

Psalm 98 is a powerful call to worship, urging us to sing a new song that reflects God's ongoing works and wonders. The psalm challenges us to move beyond mere ritual, celebrating God's victories with fresh praise and intentional expression. Like the Israelites' song after crossing the Red Sea, or Jesus' hymn at the Last Supper, our worship should resonate with both past gratitude and present faith.

Through this psalm, we're invited to worship that goes beyond ourselves—making our praise a bold, visible witness to the world. Psalm 98 calls us to embody worship in all we do, creating a lasting impact that reveals God's glory and invites others into His presence.

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

Sing the New Song

1. **Read Psalm 98:1 & Psalm 40:1-3.** When you look back at your journey, what's one specific way you've experienced God in a new, personal way? How has this revelation impacted the way you praise or interact with Him? If this has yet to transform your worship, what might be holding you back from expressing fresh praise?
2. **Read Colossians 3:16.** What's one area where you sense He's calling you to a new song of gratitude or surrender, even if it requires digging deeper into recent victories or breakthroughs?

Sing the Song You Already Know

3. In seasons where God feels distant or silent, how have you responded? Have you found yourself withdrawing in disappointment, or are you able to praise Him with a steady faith like Jesus did, even in the shadow of the cross? What would it look like to practice a praise that presses in harder during moments of struggle?
4. **Read Hebrews 4:15.** Jesus' praise at the Last Supper wasn't about His immediate circumstances; it was about His trust in God's faithfulness. What is one truth about

God you know deeply and can hold onto when life's uncertainties hit? How can this established truth reshape how you worship during hard times, not just after the victory?

5. What specific song or scripture helps you reconnect with that testimony of God's faithfulness? Share with the group for mutual encouragement and accountability

Sing the Song that Others Can Hear

6. **What part of your worship are you holding back because of discomfort, pride, or fear of judgment?** How might fully stepping into that expression of worship impact your walk with God?
7. **David's worship before the Ark was unrestrained, even though it invited criticism. How often do you let others' opinions limit how you express your faith?** Consider one area in your life where you could express your faith more openly.
8. **Read 2 Chronicles 20:21-22.** God's command for expressive worship is for our benefit, not His. Reflect on a current personal battle or challenge. Could your breakthrough be tied to a more open expression of worship? In what ways could embracing a bolder, more visible worship become a weapon in your spiritual battles? How can you take a step this week to make your praise a witness?

Singing the Song that is More than a Song

9. Like Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his beloved son, is there something you're holding back from God? What would it look like to release this to Him fully?
10. **Read Romans 12:1.** Consider what it means to be a "living sacrifice." Which parts of your life (habits, fears, or dreams) are you hesitant to surrender as worship to God? Reflect on one area that you could let go of this week, actively offering it up as worship. How could surrender in this area deepen your walk with God?
11. **When Jesus prayed "Not my will, but Yours be done," He modeled ultimate obedience.** Where in your life are you wrestling between God's will and your own desires? What's one step you can take this week to align more closely with God's will? How can the group support you in this journey toward surrender?

Pray