

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of September 3, 2017

This Week's Focus: Why do we sing corporately?

This Week's Text: Psalm 147:1-5; Ephesians 5:19-21; Colossians 3:16

"We gather together to glorify God and build one another up through singing gospel-centered music."

"Question 1: What is the chief end of man? Answer: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever." **From the Westminster Shorter Catechism**

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What about this week's sermon has God impressed on you?
- What is worship? Discuss how gathering together to sing God's praises is an integral part of our worship.
- What is the primary purpose of gathering together to sing? Reference Psalm 9:2, 11; 30:4; 96:2; 147:1-5; and 1 Corinthians 10:31. What is God's glory?
- Share some ways you are sidetracked from worshipful singing such as music style preferences, mood, etc. What can we do in those moments of distraction to redirect our focus to Jesus?
- Why is it important that we sing gospel-centered songs when we gather? Why is it just as important that the gospel be present in our singing as it is in the preaching of God's Word?
- Read Colossians 3:16-17 and Ephesians 5:19-21. Discuss how corporate praise edifies by
 - Teaching Us
 - Encouraging and Challenging Us
 - Unifying Us
- How does corporate worship teach us the truths of Scripture and help us remember what we've learned? How does it promote and encourage evangelism?
- Share with the group a song or two that has encouraged and/or challenged you in the gospel.
- What should be the unifying factor behind our corporate singing? How does blending different music styles in corporate worship – with the gospel as the focus – unify the Church?