

SLIDE OUTLINE — Week One

Why We Sing: The Biblical & Theological Foundations of Song

Slide 1 — Title Slide

Sing: The Theology and Practice of Music in Worship

Week One: *Why We Sing*

Slide 2 — Opening Question

Why does the Church sing?

- What does singing *do* in us?
- What does singing *do* for the community?
- What does singing *declare* about God?

Slide 3 — Biblical Foundations

Singing is God's gift and God's command

Key Scriptures:

- Psalm 96:1–2
- Colossians 3:16
- Exodus 15
- Revelation 5 & 7

Slide 4 — What Scripture Shows

Singing is:

- **Response** to God's saving acts
- **Formation** of identity
- **Witness** to the world

- **Participation** in heaven's worship

Slide 5 — Theology of Singing

What singing *does*

1. Shapes belief
2. Unites the Body
3. Engages the whole person
4. Acts as spiritual resistance

Slide 6 — Singing Shapes Belief

- “We sing our faith into our bones.”
- Music helps us remember and internalize truth.
- Early Church hymns = portable theology.

Slide 7 — Singing Unites the Body

- Shared breath, rhythm, and voice
- Congregation becomes one instrument
- Singing builds community belonging

Slide 8 — Singing Engages the Whole Person

- Mind — lyrics
- Heart — emotion
- Body — breath & posture
- Spirit — openness to God

Slide 9 — Singing as Resistance

Examples:

- Paul & Silas in prison
- Psalms of lament
- Worship as defiant hope

Slide 10 — How Music Works in Worship

Music carries meaning through:

- Melody
- Harmony
- Rhythm
- Text

Slide 11 — The Congregation as the Choir

- Worship is participation, not performance
- Musicians support congregational voice
- Accessibility matters: keys, melody, clarity

Slide 12 — The Role of Repetition

Repetition is:

- Biblical
- Formational
- Meditative
- A way truth sinks deeper

Slide 13 — Case Study Song

Choose one:

- *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
- *Holy, Holy, Holy*
- *10,000 Reasons*
- *Way Maker*

Break down:

- What it teaches
- How music supports message
- Why it resonates

Slide 14 — Key Takeaways

We sing because:

- God commands and invites it
- Singing forms us
- Singing unites us
- Singing joins heaven's worship
- God sings over us (Zeph. 3:17)

Slide 15 — Discussion Question

How has God used singing to shape your faith?

Slide 16 — Next Week Preview

Week Two:

What We Sing — The Theology of Lyrics, Language, and Content