

## Life Group Discussion Questions

**Sermon Series:** Why Do We Do That?

**Sermon Title:** Sing Corporately

**Sermon Date:** 11-17-19

**Gospel Gain:** Our singing is to be about substance over style.

### Gathering Together (Icebreaker)

- Name all of the places and times that people sing in public.
- When you think about those situations, what makes public singing comfortable and what tends to make it uncomfortable?
- What do you think are some of the fears that people face when it comes to singing in church?

### Growing Together (Truth/Equipping)

- In this study we will take time to look at one key passage that helps us better understand the value of singing with one another in a corporate gathering like a worship service.

**Read:** *Colossians 3:16*

- This is our key verse for this study. What stands out to you?
- Why do you think singing is intended to be a part of the church experience?

**Read:** *Colossians 3:12-15*

- We want to understand the context of v.16 as we talk about corporate singing. There are many descriptive phrases in the passage related to how Christians should relate to one another.
- Take time to discuss these qualities...
  - What is a compassionate heart? What does kindness look like?
  - Describe humility in Christian relationships. What does meekness mean?
  - Why would patience be important within Christian relationships?
  - What impact does the lack of forgiveness have in a church community?
  - How does the quality of Christian love “bind everything together in perfect harmony”?
  - What does the peace of Christ look like in Christian relationships?

**Read:** *Colossians 3:17*

- How does this verse summarize everything preceding it?

- Why would this be important to apply to our daily life?

**Read: Colossians 3:16**

- Consider the key phrases of this verse in the context of Christian community...
- **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...** Christ is to be at home in our lives. He is to dwell in our lives richly and abundantly. The community of faith was to be continually aware of the words of Christ and the gospel message and the implications for their daily life. How do we make this happen? What does that mean when it comes to singing?
- **Teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom...** Paul was encouraging the Christian community to express their worship in Godly wisdom that promotes Christ. Teaching is the orderly arrangement of truth and the effective communication of it. Why would it be important for this teaching to be filled in wisdom and focused on Christ? Admonishing has the dimension of strong encouragement. It is one way that teaching can be practically applied in the life of a Christian. In this context, singing is the context in which this teaching and admonition can be applied. Music is a vehicle through which a message can be delivered. What does that mean in relationship to the words we choose to sing?
- **Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God...** The reality of God's grace and our thankfulness for it go hand in hand. How do these qualities factor into our singing? Paul describes a variety of music "styles". Why is substance more important than style in our singing?

**Getting Real with One Another (Accessibility)**

- How could seeing someone sing in a corporate setting be an encouragement to other people?
- What is one application point for you in the area of singing in a corporate setting?

**Group Prayer Time (Supplication)**

- Share prayer requests with one another and take time to pray together.
- Pray that Oakwood Church would continue to develop a passion for God and compassion for people.