

Small Group Discussion Guide

Series: Let Us Be the Church

Week 3: Prayer & Singing

Opening

- Share a time when you attended an event (like a sports game, concert, wedding, or party) and music or cheering was missing. How did it feel?
- Why do you think prayer and singing are such natural parts of human experience—not just church life?

Scripture Readings

- **Acts 2:42** – The early church devoted themselves to prayer.
- **Acts 6:1–4** – The apostles prioritize prayer and the ministry of the Word.
- **Romans 12:1** – Worship as a whole-life response to God.
- **Psalms 96:1–3** – God’s people are commanded to sing.

Discussion Questions

Part 1: Prayer Together

1. Greg said, “*Prayer is a way that God gets his way.*”
 - What do you think that means?
 - How have you seen God act in response to prayer?
2. Why do you think it’s easy to treat prayer as a “perfunctory” action before “real” ministry?
 - What changes when we see prayer itself as ministry?
3. Acts 6 shows the apostles delegating important work so they could stay focused on prayer.
 - What does this reveal about how highly they valued prayer?
 - How might this challenge the way we view priorities in the church today?
4. Greg compared kids constantly calling out “dad, dad, dad!” to how we approach God in prayer.
 - How does that image change the way you think about persistence in prayer?
 - Why do you think God delights in our constant coming to Him?
5. Practically, how could our Sunday gatherings be more shaped by prayer together—not just before ministry, but as ministry?

Part 2: Singing Together

1. Sabo said, “*Singing is not an extra in life—it’s embedded in who we are.*”
 - Where do you see music shaping emotions, memories, or community in your own life?
2. Psalm 96 commands us to sing. Why do you think God commands singing rather than leaving it as optional?
3. Sabo noted that many Christians reduce “worship” to music, but true worship is all of life.
 - How does that broader view change the way we think about Sunday gatherings?
 - What are other forms of worship besides singing?
4. What do you think corporate singing (all voices joining together) does for us that solo singing or “singing in your heart” can’t?
5. Have you ever held back from singing in church (for fear, self-consciousness, or other reasons)? What might help you engage more freely?
6. How might singing together strengthen us as disciples, both by shaping our own hearts and by encouraging others?

Application

- This week, commit to **praying out loud with others**—even a short prayer—to practice seeing prayer as ministry.
- During Sunday worship, choose to **sing wholeheartedly**, regardless of how your voice sounds, as an act of obedience and encouragement to others.
- Consider praying and singing together as a group before closing your meeting.

Closing Prayer

Invite group members to share one praise and one request, then close with prayer together—modeling persistence and unity as a church family.