

# EXODUS

PART 2: IDENTITY



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## The Gift of Music

Exodus 15:1-21

### Message Big Idea

Singing honors God and inspired others to honor Him as God.

### Belong

As a group take turns to share with the group your thoughts on the following question:

1. What is your favorite song that when it comes on to the radio, the volume goes up and whether you're at a red light with someone next to you, you are belting it out at the top of your lungs? What causes you to let go in that moment? What do you remember? What emotions have you encountered during these times? Do you care if people are around, why/why not?
2. Take turns sharing experiences of uniting through song with different churches, people groups, or cultures? Were you able to still worship without necessarily understanding the language...why? How have different experiences through different styles of music shaped your worship experience?

### Grow

Psalms provide a treasure trove of truths including the role singing plays in the heart of God and provides clear instruction as to the proper motivation of our singing. Consider the following from Psalms:

1. We sing because God is our Strength and Our Refuge (read Ps. 59:16-17)

1. Note that this Psalm is written in the midst of being pursued by Saul's men with the intent to kill David. Discuss the object of David's cause of singing...why was he able to do this at this time?
2. Discuss what it means to you have the King of Kings as a refuge in times of distress?
2. We sing because of God's generosity towards us (read Ps. 13:6)
  1. Context is once again deliverance that David pens these words. Discuss ways in which God has displayed generosity in your life, e.g. generous in mercy, generous in patience, etc.
3. We sing to tell of God's wonderful works (read Ps. 105:1-2)
  1. Peruse the entire Psalm and share examples God's faithfulness through His good works towards His people. Consider other ways that God's works are in display in your lives? Do these drive you to singing outwardly or in your heart? Share.
4. We sing because we have been redeemed (read Ps. 71:23)
  1. We are called to sing praise BECAUSE we are redeemed. This suggests that in spite of how difficult a day or week we have had, we ought to still raise our voices simply do to this fact? Discuss how you feel about this statement.
  2. Consider what you have been redeemed from and what you have been redeemed to – for example, we have been redeemed from life without hope to a life with hope. What are the implications when you enter worship through singing?
5. We sing because He is the Rock of our Salvation (read Ps. 95:1-2)
  1. Identify the emotionally expressive words that ought to describe our entering into worship/singing. Do they?

## Reach

- Consider the discussion from point #2 (God's generosity towards us) and discuss the power of such generosity in your relationships (family, neighbor, acquaintance, brother/sister in church). Share successes and struggles in this area of your life. How can the group pray for you?
- Select a song everyone knows and sing together. Take time to reflect on the truths above as you sing and remember to sing joyfully, triumphantly, and with the reality of being a redeemed son and daughter of the Lord of Lords and King of Kings!