



“God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in \_\_\_\_\_ and **truth.**” (John 4:24)

God wants us to be more than a part of a crowd. He even wants us to be more than members of an audience who watch or listen to others.

...and thus let \_\_\_\_\_ offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe... (Heb 12:28)

So why do we sing in our assemblies?

...be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, \_\_\_\_\_ and making melody to the Lord with your heart... (Eph 5:18-19)

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing \_\_\_\_\_ in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col 3:16-17)

**As we sing, we are:**

- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_ one another
- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_ one another
- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_ one another
- ◆ Making melody to the \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ Using our \_\_\_\_\_

It's one way we answer the call of Hebrews 13:15:

Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of \_\_\_\_\_ that acknowledge his name.

**For Class & Family Discussion:**

- What's your favorite hymn?
- John 4:24 told us “God is spirit” and that we must worship him “in spirit.” Going back to Ephesians 5:18, what does it mean to be “filled with the Spirit” and what does that have to do with singing?
- Colossians 3:16 call on us to “let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.” What does that mean and how does it connect with singing?
- Can you think of any hymns we sing where we are “addressing one another”?
- Can you think of any hymns we sing where we are speaking together “to the Lord”?
- Why do you think both Ephesians 5 and Colossians 3 emphasize the engagement of our “hearts” as we sing?
- How does practicing what we're being called to do in Ephesians 5 and Colossians 3 engage us at a much deeper level than just listening to someone else perform for us?