

SING: A Theology of Song

Life Group Leaders Guide

Objective

This guide contains the information and questions you will need to lead a life group study during our current sermon series. Our aim is to spark Spirit-led, Bible-centered conversations that anyone can participate in regardless of how biblically literate they may or may not be. **The win** that we want you to experience is when your group members **connect** more closely with each other and with God so that they are encouraged to move forward in living out their faith.

Directions

The *Purpose* and *Move* sections are for the leader to read to the group to provide clarity. **Do not feel pressured to cover all the questions.** Decide which ones may work best for your group. You will see brief notes interspersed between groups of questions to help give the group context for their answers. The *Notes and Commentary* section (when included) is optional reading for the leader to get background information and better understanding of the passages before leading the discussion.

Series Overview

Every week at The Point Church we sing songs together. Singing isn't something we do to check a box. It's an obedient response to who God is. In this series, we will take a deeper look at the PURPOSE and POWER behind singing together.

SING Series Schedule

Week	Sermon Date	Topic of sermon and life group
1	3/10/19	Why We Sing
2	3/17/19	What We Sing
3	3/24/19	How We Sing

The Point Church Life Group Curriculum

What We Sing

The Big Idea

Singing should TEACH us who God is.

Flow of Study

Icebreaker: Name a song that taught you or helped you remember something. What did you learn from it?

Move #1: Since the sermon series and life groups are covering similar topics, it might be a good idea (both for content and time) to begin the discussion with some unpacking questions from this Sunday's sermon.

1. Did anything stand out to you from the message or music this weekend that you want to apply in your life?

Move #2: We learn about God and our relationship with him through our songs, as well as our sermons. We are going to start out our discussion tonight taking a look at a song that David wrote about God.

Read Psalm 145:1-13 (NIV)

- 1 I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day I will praise you
and extol your name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.
- 4 One generation commends your works to another;
they tell of your mighty acts.
- 5 They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
- 6 They tell of the power of your awesome works—
and I will proclaim your great deeds.
- 7 They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.
- 9 The Lord is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.
- 10 All your works praise you, Lord;
your faithful people extol you.
- 11 They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,
12 so that all people may know of your mighty acts
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

and your dominion endures through all generations.

The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises
and faithful in all he does.

2. What are some things that this part of David's Psalm teaches us about God?
3. Verses 4-6 talk about God's wonderful works and how they are proclaimed from one generation to another. What are some of the ways we do that?
4. For those who have been involved in church for a while, how did you find your faith being informed and shaped by the songs being sung?
5. This ancient song assured the worshippers of God's compassion, patience, and love (verse 8). Can you think of a worship song that reminds you of God's tender love towards you? How has that song ministered to you?
6. Verse 12 talks about proclaiming God's mighty acts so that "all people may know." What does it mean to you to consider that when you sing along at church, you are proclaiming the gospel to all the people there?

Move #3: Let's look at one of the worship songs we use at The Point and consider what we can learn from this song about God.

Note to Leader: Before discussing the song, listen to the video link below and sing along with your group. Or if you have musically gifted people in your group, feel free to ask them to prepare to lead the singing for your group. Also since we will be specifically talking about these lyrics, it would be helpful to have them pull the lyrics up on their phones and sing along.

Yes And Amen: <https://youtu.be/EI22G5YpVds>

[Verse 1] Father of kindness
You have poured out of grace
You brought me out of darkness
You have filled me with peace
Giver of mercy
You're my help in time of need
Lord I can't help but sing

[Chorus] Faithful you are
Faithful forever you will be
Faithful you are
All your promises are yes and Amen
All your promises are yes and Amen

[Verse 2] Beautiful Saviour
You have brought me near
You pulled me from the ashes
You have broken every curse
Blessed redeemer

You have set this captive free
 Lord I can't help but sing

[Bridge] I will rest in your promises
 My confidence is your faithfulness
 I will rest in your promises
 My confidence is your faithfulness

7. What are some things that this song teaches us about God?

Note: Among other verses, this song references Psalm 145:13 (see above) and 2 Corinthians 1:20: *For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for his glory. (NLT)*

8. How do these verses and this song help give you confidence in your relationship with God?
9. Sometimes a song like this speaks to us when nothing else does. Does anyone have a story that you would be willing to share about a song that spoke truth that you needed to hear at that time?
10. How can singing this song and others like it help us to encourage one another and the world around us?

Next Steps: The following are things you could challenge your members to do in order to take what you studied in this curriculum farther.

- Keep using the playlist from Point Worship to both learn the songs we sing better and to worship God privately or with your family this week. Go to pointchurch.com/sing.
- Go back over Psalm 145 this week and spend some time praising God through it by reading it aloud.
- Look for a way that you can use songs of praise to teach the world around you about God's goodness.

Prayer: End your study with a time of praying with and for each other. Take requests, but be sure to pray also about what you've discussed today.