

SERMON OUTLINE Psalm 33

PRAISE, SING, HOPE: THE GLAD MARKS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

INTRODUCTION

THE COMMAND TO JOYFULLY SING TOGETHER (1-3)

THE AWESOME DESCRIPTION OF WHO GOD IS (4-19)

The LORD's works and words

The LORD's counsel and purposes

The LORD's presence and deliverance

THE WAITING SOUL AND AND GLAD HEART OF THE LORD'S HERITAGE (20-22)

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

God's people joyfully respond in communal music and singing when they are in awe of His word and His works, the accomplishment of His plans, and His total awareness of all things, and presence in all places of the earth. Read that again. Read it slowly. Therefore, no matter what may come in this life, God's people will be marked by souls that wait for Him, and hearts that are hopefully glad in Him because of his steadfast love.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Have you ever considered the fact that God commands you to have certain emotions?
3. What songs that Grace Church sings on Sunday mornings have had the greatest impact in stirring your emotions to love the LORD?
4. Take an inventory in your life of where you experience the most gladness and evaluate if your heart finds its greatest gladness in the LORD.
5. Where have you seen most clearly the LORD's display of righteousness and justice around you? Have you ever connected that to being the display of his steadfast love?
6. Looking around in the world, where does it seem like God's plans are not being accomplished and evil is prevailing?
7. What Scripture passages are your go-to passages to remind you that God is in control and his sovereign purposes will prevail?
8. What might you be looking to as a means of false hope and false salvation in your life?
9. How can the gathering of the saints on Sunday morning orient your heart towards true hope and true salvation?
10. After hearing this sermon, is there a specific kind of sin that you can be more intentional about waging war on through singing with other Christians at Grace Church on Sunday morning?
11. Are there times where you pray as you sing on Sunday mornings as Psalm 33:22 demonstrates? Is that a new concept for you?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

12. Find a verse in Scripture that is a command to have a specific emotion. Meditate on it. Memorize it. Use it in prayer throughout your week.
13. Think through and write down what songs you would like to have played at your funeral that are grounded in truth and stir the emotions to have joy in God.
14. Make a playlist of songs that we sing at Grace Church and commit to listening to them often.
15. Is there a specific way from what you heard in this sermon that can change the five minutes leading up to the worship service on Sunday morning, and the first five minutes of your participation in the worship service when it starts?
16. Reach out to members of the worship team and thank them for using their excellence in music and singing to help us lift a joyful noise to the LORD.
17. Pick one specific thing you mean to do differently, with the Spirit's help, as a result of the things you heard in this text/sermon.

PRAYER POINTS

18. Adoration. Praise God for His works and words, His counsel and purposes, and His presence and deliverance.
19. Confession. Confess any ways that you have not had gladness and joy in the LORD. Confess that your praise has not been filled with shouts of joy to the LORD on Sunday morning.
20. Thanksgiving. Thank God that he has brought Gentiles into His covenant through Jesus Christ and that His salvation is not relegated to a bloodline or geographical boundary. Thank Jesus for being the Word made flesh and for His work on the cross for you to experience the joy of the LORD and forgiveness of sin.
21. Supplication. Ask God to stir your emotions to have joy and gladness in Him. When you fail to feel His joy, ask God to help you set your mind on specific, biblical promises that will help you gladly praise Him again.