

## Choose Music Wisely for Holy Worship

**John 4:19-24**

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### What is worship and how does music effect worship?

#### 1) Worship is declaring God's worth John 4:19-24

##### a) We worship in Truth Rom. 15:13-14

- (1) We worship God alone Is. 45:18, 22; Phil. 2:9-11
- (2) God has given us elements for worship: Scripture reading (1 Tim. 4:13); preaching (2 Tim. 4:2-4); singing (Eph. 5:19-20; Col. 3:16); prayer 1 Tim. 2:1, the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper (Acts 2:41-42) and giving (2 Cor. 16:2)

##### b) We worship in Spirit

##### c) We worship the Lord

#### 2) Music will rightly or wrongly move you – is it worship?

##### a) Scripture identifies many kinds of songs:

- i) Work Num. 21:17-18; War Ex. 15:20; Love Sol 2:12; Entertainment Job 21:12; Lament Job 30:31; Praise Ps. 150

##### b) Music often causes you to respond OR react in certain ways

##### c) Music helps us express right affections toward the Lord

- i) Music educates and guides our emotions Acts 16:23-25
- ii) Music is a part of worship under pastoral leadership Heb. 13:17
- iii) Singing is not optional Eph. 5:18-19
- iv) Use music that expresses appropriate emotions 1 Cor. 14:40
- v) Musical choices matter, because music shapes our affections 1 Sam. 16:23

***Worship is declaring God's worth!***

***Wisely choose your music, because it affects how you worship!***

## Message Based Discussion Questions

- 1) What were some of the first religious songs you ever sang?

### Digging Deeper:

- 2) Read John 8:31-36. What did Jesus say the truth would do? \_\_\_\_\_ Why did the Jews not see their slavery? Can a person be enslaved to a certain kind of music? What biblical principles can you think of to help determine what kind of music is edifying?
- 3) Read Gal. 5:1; 3:1-3. According to Paul, what is the contrast between these two passages? \_\_\_\_\_ What is the purpose of the law in American? What is the purpose of the Mosaic Law? How can someone get enslaved to the Mosaic Law? How can someone get enslaved to laws in worship?
- 4) According to Gal. 5:13, what was Paul concerned about with liberty? \_\_\_\_\_ How should a Christian use liberty? What does that look like in worship?

### Making application of the message to life:

- 5) Based on the message, why is music good? How does it help you?
- 6) How can you ensure you are worshiping in Spirit and in Truth?
- 7) How can you help in corporate worship at Grace? What specific things can you do?

Component	Discipline	Proper Use	Sinful Use
Chemical Elements	Chemistry	Vaccine	Poison
Colors/light	Art	Michelangelo	Pornography
Spoken letters	Speech	Bible teaching	Lying, slander
Written letters	Composition Music lyrics	C.S. Lewis, "Messiah"	Moral filth Gangsta Rap
Sound waves	Music	Refreshing the spirit and body	Stimulating lust Instant gratification