

HOW SWEET THE SOUND

THE THINGS WE MISSED – WEEK 3

Small Group Time:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with key questions, add any optional Scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps.

Main Idea:

There's something powerful about music. Something that strikes a chord deep inside all of us. Yet, when it comes to music & singing in the church, we can find ourselves secretly wondering, "What up with that?" Maybe we even feel disconnected & overcome by fear or insecurity when it happens. Our series entitled "How Sweet the Sound" will attempt to address the uncertainty.

Key Questions:

1. When you were a kid, what was the thing that scared you the most? How did you get over that fear?
2. Ben said, "Too often, we buy into the lie that we can think our way thru our fears. Unfortunately, it rarely, if ever, works that way. We have to act our way thru our fears." How do you think this pertains to our fear of worship/singing?
3. This week, we uncovered 3 more Hebrew words for worship. Talk about "HALAL" – the Hebrew word for raving, boasting, celebrating, or being clamorously foolish. We are called to boast, brag, or rave about our God. What are some of the emotions that come out of you when you brag about someone or something? What keeps those same emotions from coming out when we brag about God in our worship?
4. Talk about "BARAK" – the Hebrew word for kneeling or blessing God with an act of adoration. Read **Psalms 103** for some context. What are some distractions you carry into worship with you that keep you from kneeling your heart with your eyes affixed on God?
5. Talk about "SHABACH" – the Hebrew word for addressing in a loud tone or shouting. One of the most powerful points Ben made was that this word was used to describe the power of our "holy roar" to transcend generations. Read **Psalms 145:4** for some context. Our kids and grandkids are deciding whether or not it's worth it to worship by the way we worship. They're replicating what we do. Have you ever thought of that? Does that give our worship even more meaning? Explain.
6. What are some action steps you need to take in your worship – even though it's fearful?

Next Steps:

- What's one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?