

October 31, 2021  
Discussion on why we sing what we sing

QUESTION FOR REVIEW:

1. Read Psalm 41:4 and Mark 10:46-52. What is being asked for in these passages?
2. Read Ephesians 3:6-7 and Colossians 1:5-6. What do we find out about the Gospel in these verses?
3. Read Romans 16:25-27. Paul ends the book of Romans with a doxology (a word of praise), praising God for the Gospel. What, according to these verses, does the Gospel do? How does the Gospel come to us?
4. Read Psalm 41:13. What does the word “amen” mean?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

5. The mercy of God is mentioned often in the psalms (the word mercy appears 23 times in the psalms in the ESV). What are some of the ways that God has been merciful to you? Can you think of a time when you extended mercy to someone? How did that experience go for you?
6. The cry for mercy (Kyrie) is especially fitting when we recognize that Jesus our Lord is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. In what ways did Jesus show mercy during His earthly ministry? How has that ministry continued in the Christian Church?

7. In the worship service we are often singing things in response to what we have heard. This is true after our Scripture readings when we sing, "God be praised for His glad tidings." What are some of the Scriptures that you have heard and know that fill you with praise?

8. Read Philippians 2:9-11. What does confess have to do with the glory of God?

9. Read Luke 2:14. When do we sing "Gloria in excelsis deo"?

10. Read Psalm 106:48. Why do we end the worship service with the threefold amen?

11. We conclude divine worship with "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" (Ambassador Hymnal #390). Why is this fitting as we leave the church and head into all the other activities of life?

12. Read Psalm 147:1. Why is it good to sing praises to God?