



Growth Group Questions
November 30, 2025
“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 96

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. ² Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. ³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. ⁴ For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. ⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. ⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary. ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. ⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of his^[a] holiness; tremble before him, all the earth. ¹⁰ Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns.” The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity. ¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. ¹² Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy. ¹³ Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Psalm 147:1

¹ Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

Ephesians 5:18-19

¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,

Romans 8:18-21 J.B. Phillips New Testament

¹⁸⁻²¹ In my opinion whatever we may have to go through now is less than nothing compared with the magnificent future God has planned for us. The whole creation is on tiptoe to see the

wonderful sight of the sons of God coming into their own. The world of creation cannot as yet see reality, not because it chooses to be blind, but because in God's purpose it has been so limited—yet it has been given hope. And the hope is that in the end the whole of created life will be rescued from the tyranny of change and decay, and have its share in that magnificent liberty which can only belong to the children of God!

Psalm 137:1-4

¹ By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. ² There on the poplars we hung our harps, ³ for there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy; they said, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion! ⁴ How can we sing the songs of the LORD while in a foreign land?

Psalm 96:13

¹³ Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Revelation 5:9-10

⁹ And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. ¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign^[a] on the earth.”

QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to “sing to the Lord a new song”? (Psalm 86:1)
2. What does it mean to you to sing praises to God?
3. What Bible verses speak to you about singing praises to the Lord?
4. In Psalm 96, King David says we are to do more than just sing. We are to proclaim and declare the glory of God. How can we declare God's glory in our everyday lives?
5. In several of the scripture passages used in this week's sermon, we see that “all creation” is involved in singing God's praises. When you think about “creation singing,” what images come to your mind?
6. What is your favorite hymn or worship song? What is it about this particular song that speaks to you?
7. Pastor Paul spoke of the importance of living life on our tiptoes. What do you think it means to “live on your tiptoes”?

8. Pastor Paul said that there are times in life when we get knocked back on our heels. We just can't sing and we need someone else to sing for us, or we need to sing for someone else. What does that mean to you?

PASTOR PAUL'S SERMON QUESTIONS

1. Are you living on your toes or on your heels?
2. What would it look like to sing with a little more passion, joy and emotion this Advent season?