

## Selecting Songs For Worship

This is the process I use for thinking through new songs to be used in corporate worship. Many songs glorify God, but not all songs are beneficial to corporate worship.

- 1. Does the song sing *to* God or *about* God?** Vertical vs. Horizontal worship. If it is neither then we generally won't use it. "How Great Is Our God" would be an example of a horizontal song. "Your Love Never Fails" would be a vertical song. Both are of value and a balance between the two is healthy. Some "vertical" songs emphasize "I/Me/We" (The Stand, Heart of Worship), these can be beneficial but I prefer to keep them sparse so as to keep God's glory and majesty as our primary focus.
- 2. Does it preach and teach truth?** The lyrics should teach us something about God. The theology should accurately reflect the truths in scripture.
- 3. Is it congregational?** There are lots of great songs but many don't serve the congregation because they are too difficult to sing.

*If you have a song that you believe fits these requirements, suggestions are always welcomed. Please include an mp3 or youtube link.*