



Sermon Discussion Guide
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Key Scriptures:

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

- Psalm 22:3

Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

- Psalm 33:3-4

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

- Psalm 40:1-3

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

- Isaiah 43:16-19

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

- Colossians 3:16

And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

- Revelation 5:9-10

Message Highlights:

- The Hebrew word *tehillah* means a hymn, a song of praise, a new song or a spontaneous song.
- We can compare our faith walk to compacting the soil of the ground; we are pushing it down and unless we have a spade to disrupt/break up the soil and create space, we cannot plant a new seed.
- “New song does not necessarily mean one originating in the recent past. It could be a familiar hymn renewed in the present experience of God’s majesty and the present impulse to praise.” -Interpreter’s One Volume Commentary
- Look for opportunities to enhance others’ praise, not steal the show.

Conversation Starter:

God is in the business of creating beauty from chaos. Just as a garden spade disrupts the soil to create space for a new seed to grow, how has God disrupted your “norm” to create space for new fruit to bear?

Discuss the Message:

1. The Psalms are a great example of integrating personal stories into songs of praise.
 - a) First, read Psalm 22:3, then read Psalm 22:1-3 and note how the significance of verse three changes for you after reading the context.
 - b) How does the passage you just read model how opening up before God can lead to *tehillah*?
2. What could it mean to sing a *new* song to God, if it doesn’t necessarily refer to a song originating in the recent past?
 - a) How could/does the focus of our worship shift off of the Lord, either intentionally or unintentionally?
 - b) Read Isaiah 43:16-19; what does it look like to trust God to “make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert”?
 - c) How has God made a way in your wilderness in the past, and how does remembering that work of the Lord help you sing a new song to him?
3. How would you characterize your walk with the Lord in your current season?
 - a) How might *tehillah*, or singing a new, spontaneous song refresh you in your relationship with God?
 - b) What might it look like to add *tehillah* to your worship toolbox in the coming week?

Pray:

Father in Heaven, you are enthroned on the praises of your people! We praise you for your faithfulness to hear our cries for help, saving us and making us secure through your Son, our King, Jesus. You bring beauty out of chaos and you rescue those who are lost. We wait patiently for you as we walk through a world of chaos. We ask that, through your Holy Spirit, many would see you and revere you and put their trust in you. Help us and hear us as we sing a new song to you! Amen.