

Why do we sing?

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Some preliminaries

Singing is a way to worship, but worship is much more than music

Music has always been a part of our worship

Singing is a command ...But why?

Deuteronomy 31:19-22

Psalms 98:1,4-6

Colossians 3:16

The big idea

God designed music to combine biological, relational, and emotional qualities to help us connect with him and connect with his people

Music does cool stuff to your brain

It helps you focus

It makes you participate

It helps you process and store information

Music creates community

Those elements combine

Music connects us to:

Our past

We are not alone in history; there have been many others before us who have paved the way, and we stand on their shoulders

Music connects us to:

Our present

We are not alone in our current struggles; we have a shared identity and a common purpose with millions of others right at this moment

Our future

We are not alone in our hope; we can encourage each other and look forward to a glorious reward

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