

**“Why Do We Sing?”
Congregational Singing Seminar**

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I. Introduction/Opening Question - Small Groups

“Why Do We Sing at Church?”

II. Three Biblical Reasons for Singing

1. We Sing for God
 - Created (Ps 98:4-9; 139:13-14)
 - Commanded (Ps 96:1-4; 149:1)
 - Compelled (2 Cor 5:14-15)
2. We Sing for One-Another
 - For Encouragement (Eph 5:18-20, 1 Cor 14:26)
 - For Unity (Col 3:15-16)
3. We Sing for Ourselves (Col 3:16, Ps 45:1)

III. Five Priorities for Singing at Ambassador

1. Congregational Participation
2. Congregational Songs over “Performance Songs”
3. Diverse Variety of Sources
4. Simplicity for the Sake of Unity
5. Songs that Stir Head AND Heart

IV. Application

1. SING!
2. Prioritize the Singing on Sunday Morning

His Mercy is More

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What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more!

Chorus:

Praise the Lord!
His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness, new every morn'
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more!

Chorus

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more!

Chorus