

# SOUND DOCTRINE: (Week 3) – Group Guide

## Icebreaker: Your First Playlist

Micah opened the sermon by exploring the history of the "first songs" children learn across different decades. He noted classics like "Take Me Out To The Ball Game" in the 1940s, the "Sesame Street" theme in the 1970s, and modern hits like "Baby Shark" or "We Don't Talk About Bruno".

- What is the very first song you remember singing as a kid, or what song instantly reminds you of your childhood?

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### 1. The Chorus of Creation

Micah shared the fascinating reality that even the stars sing to God. He highlighted fast-spinning radio pulsars, like PSRJ1748-2446AD, that emit percussive pops, rhythms, and tones. This cosmic symphony aligns with Psalm 19:1, which declares that the heavens proclaim God's handiwork.

- How does knowing that the entire cosmos is continuously "singing" to God change your perspective on our own musical worship on Sunday mornings?

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### 2. A Commanded Discipline

The Bible contains over 400 references to singing and approximately 50 direct commands to sing. Singing is presented as a mandatory spiritual discipline for the entire community of faith, much like reading Scripture or praying, regardless of a person's musical ability. We often view singing as something optional for those who are "musically inclined."

- Why do you think God made singing a command rather than just a suggestion?

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## 3. The God Who Sings

We sing because we are created in God's image, and God Himself sings over His people.

Zephaniah 3:17 states that God rejoices over us with gladness and exults over us with loud singing. Micah compared this beautiful reality to a parent shouting in pride at a sporting event or a mother singing a lullaby to quiet a newborn.

- Have you ever thought about God singing over you? How does this image of a rejoicing, loving Father impact your personal relationship with Him?
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## 4. Singing to Remember

According to Colossians 3:16, we use psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to let the word of Christ dwell in us richly. We are meant to use songs as a tool to mutually instruct one another, encourage each other with the gospel, and remember what is true.

- Can you share a time when the lyrics of a worship song helped you remember a biblical truth during a hard week, or a time when hearing the rest of the church sing encouraged your faith?
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## Closing Prayer & Reflection

Micah concluded by telling the story of Matt Redman's pastor, Mike Pilavachi, who temporarily removed his church's sound system and band because the congregation was valuing the musical act more than the Savior. This season of stripped-down worship prompted Pilavachi to ask his

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church a challenging question: "When you come through the doors on a Sunday, what are you bringing as your offering to God?".

Reflect on that question as a group, and then close your time by praying the weekly prayer out loud together:

*"Spirit of God, cause me to have a desperate dependence, an eager expectation and a humble responsiveness to Your leading that is grounded in the Scriptures.*

*Fill my personal worship of You, and our congregation's worship of You, with the beauty of the cross - and the confidence that comes with it by grace - that we might worship fully in Spirit and Truth and that we might magnify You rightly.*

*In the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit - Amen."*