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The Power of Song July 29, 2018

Songs of Summer – Psalm 18, 22, 51 Community Group Discussion Questions

**PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION**

* **Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but select 5 or 6 questions you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won’t have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.**
* **Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.**
* **You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.**
* **Check out this Facilitation Guide (**[**http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide**](http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide)**) for tips on leading good discussions.**

**ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)**

1. **Share your name and answer one the following questions:** 
   * **What was one of your favorite bands or songs in High School?**

**OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes)**

1. **What were the most powerful or helpful principles you want to remember from this week’s sermon?**
2. **Nate shared that, “Music can impress truths about God into our hearts like nothing else can.”**
   * **When was a time that a specific song helped you get through a tough season of your life?**
   * What are some specific truths that that song impressed on your heart?

**DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes)**

1. **Read Psalm 18:2, 21-23 and this quote from Nate’s sermon, “Don’t ignore your reality and don’t ignore God in your reality.”**
   * **When have you experienced a season of doubt and how might the truths from this Psalm help you?**
2. **Read Psalm 51:1-2 and this quote from Nate’s sermon, “When we don’t carry our guilt to God, our guilt will carry us into shame.”** 
   * **How might this story and these truths differ from how people tend to deal with shame or guilt?**
   * How have you experienced God’s grace in a season of shame?

**APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes)**

1. **Nate challenged us to do 3 things based on this sermon:**
   * 1. **Establish a time of private worship.**
     2. **Engage more deeply in collective worship.**
     3. **Create your own worship playlist.**
   * **Share with the group how you can specifically apply one of these challenges this week.**
2. What current doubts or shame are you struggling with that the group can be praying about with you?