## Sermon Discussion Guide -Psalm 149 - A New Song

View the sermon here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WDctzboNSIs

Summary of the sermon:

- The historical context of Israel's return from exile.
- How praise acts like a sword—spiritually disrupting evil.
- How the New Testament reframes this imagery (e.g., Ephesians 6).
- The call to worship that connects the **past**, speaks to the **present**, and points to the **future**.
- The importance of singing new songs of faith in seasons of **grief**, **change**, **mission**, **and transformation**.

# **Discussion Questions**

#### 1. New Song, New Season

- The psalm begins: "Sing to the Lord a new song."
  - What does a "new song" mean to you in your current life season?

### 2. Worship as resistance

- The sermon suggested that praise is like a sword—that worship can confront injustice, idolatry, and spiritual darkness.
  - Have you ever experienced worship as a form of resistance or spiritual breakthrough?
  - What strongholds in our world today need to be confronted through worship?

## 3. Grief and the New Song

- How do we "sing a new song" in seasons of grief or loss?
  - What role does the Church play in helping one another find our voices again?
  - $_{\circ}$   $\,$  Can lament and joy exist in the same song?

## 4. The Church's Song Today

- What kind of song is the Church being called to sing in our time?
- What messages need to be heard in our community right now?
- How can our worship reflect God's justice, grace, and hope?