



## Why We Sing | To Lament

September 25 | Matt Anderson

### BEFORE WE START:

- 1) **The Need for Creed:** Begin your discussion time with reading the Community Group Creed together (See Page 4 in the Group Training Manual), asking for any questions or concerns about the creed.
- 2) **Identify Group Roles:** Next, discuss the roles that can be shared in your group (Page 3 in the Training Manual) to help spread the responsibilities and promote involvement. Ask members to pray about and share which role may interest them and invite them to give it a try over several weeks.
- 3) **Weekly Preparation:** Discussion is always richer when we take time to hear the weekly message and write some thoughts for each question. Weekly messages and discussion guides are available on our Surprise App and at [SurpriseChurch.com/Worshipanywhere](https://SurpriseChurch.com/Worshipanywhere).

### WARM UP QUESTIONS

1. What has been the greatest tragedy or loss you've faced, and how did you get through it?
2. What stood out to you in this week's message?

### DIG INTO IT!

3. Why do you Christians often feel pressure to hide or avoid their pain, in a way that non-Christians may not? How does the concept of *Docetism* promote this pressure?
4. Read Psalm 14. Describe the 4 "steps" of the Psalms of Lament. Why is it so important that we engage in this kind of conversation with God and others?
5. Why did Jesus touch the Leper in Matthew 8 and the casket in Luke 7? How does honest lament invite God and others to "touch" our pain?

### WRAP UP

6. What is one "note" that you can bring from this message to "sing" in your everyday life to make earth look or sound a little more like heaven?



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**Announcements:**

- **Our next *Community Groups* semester starts Sept 25!**  
Visit [Surprisechurch.com/groups](http://Surprisechurch.com/groups) to learn more and find a group!
- **Fall Marriage Retreat:** Still time to register at: [EvolvingMarriage.net](http://EvolvingMarriage.net)

Does worship require that we're \_\_\_\_\_, or pretending to be?

Docetism:

False Choice for Pain: Option A: \_\_\_\_\_ Option B: \_\_\_\_\_

Culture is often more \_\_\_\_\_ about pain than churches.

Psalms of Lament:

Work the steps:

- 1-
- 2-
- 3-
- 4-

Psalm 13

Why Lament?

- 1-
- 2-
- 3-
- 4-

We can face the bad news because....

Luke 7:12-14 - Human or \_\_\_\_\_

Before Jesus does anything, he \_\_\_\_\_ the casket.

There is no \_\_\_\_\_ to wholeness.

Community Groups: