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2. What passage to preach on with this in mind?

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According to Psalm 96:1-5: **WORSHIP**

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John Piper:

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Psalm 96:1-5:

"Missions advances when worship deepens."

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sing to the Lord, all the earth!
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tell of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- 4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
- 5 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.

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This past week, what has made your heart sing? Who or what has your heart been singing to?

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"Gratitude exclaims... 'How good of God to give me this.' Adoration says, 'What must be the quality of that Being whose far-off and momentary coruscations are like this! One's mind runs back up the sunbeam to the sun.'"

- CS Lewis, Letters to Malcolm

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"Why does God command us to sing to (worship) him? That makes God seem petulant and power hungry."

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We get renewed perspective.

Worship (singing) reframes our circumstances, situation, and story.

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A **new song** comes from new, fresh experiences of grace.

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Zephaniah 3:17:

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

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Verses 1-5: Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, **all the earth!** Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. **Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!** For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

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1. When we experience awe and wonder , we will share and declare.

When worship deepens, missions advances. On the other hand, when worship is lacking, missions stalls.

Dan Allender: "I recall being at a birthday party for a five-year-old terror who snatched his gifts from his mother and opened them with wanton disdain. He'd see what he had received, toss it down as if it were of no account, then move on to another present. His mother wanly tried to stop his juggernaut by saying, 'Isn't that wonderful, honey? Why don't you say thank you to Uncle Joe and Aunt Susan?' The boy had no gratitude, in part because nothing brought him surprise and awe. His sense of 'being owed the good things in life' prevented him from being delighted by the undeserved gifts he was receiving."

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2. As we worship deeply, how can we engage in telling and declaring his glory among the nations?

- 1) Pray
- 2) Give
- 3) Send
- 4) Go

(Summary) Worship fuels Witness: Singing leads to Telling

John Piper: "Missions isn't the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't."

Psalm 96:1-5: Missions advances when worship deepens. Missions isn't a program of the church, it's the overflow of the church's praise; it's worship on the move.

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Closing with a Responsive Reading based on Psalm 96:1-5:

Reader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song!

ALL: We will sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Reader : Sing to the Lord, bless His name.

ALL: We will tell of His salvation from day to day.

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Reader: Declare His glory among the nations.

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Reader: Church, who will go for us? Who will tell of His greatness?

All: Here we are, Lord—send us!

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