



Song Selection Tool

This Tool is to help us as a Church thoughtfully think through singing. Read our *Reconsidering Why We Sing* booklet to learn to use this simple and easy tool. It's laid out in this way:

- Total** | Selecting Songs Collectively so That Together They Tell the Entire Scope of God's Story in Scripture.
- Text** | Selecting Songs that Use Beautiful Language in Every Sense to Build Up God's People Specifically.
- Tone** | Selecting Songs that Shape, Acknowledge & Form the Entirety of Human Emotion and Affections.
- Target** | Selecting Songs that Reflect the Multi-Generational & Multi-Cultural Ethic of the Kingdom.

<i>Songs About</i> The Trinity God is	
<i>Songs About</i> Inspiration God Speaks	
<i>Songs About</i> Creation God Makes	
<i>Songs About</i> Compassion God loves	
<i>Songs About</i> The Fall God Judges	
<i>Songs About</i> Covenant God Pursues	
<i>Songs About</i> The Incarnation God Comes	
<i>Songs About</i> The Cross God Dies	
<i>Songs About</i> The Resurrection God Saves	
<i>Songs About</i> The Ascension God as Man Intercedes	
<i>Songs About</i> The Church God Sends	
<i>Songs About</i> Worship God Transforms	
<i>Songs About</i> Stewardship God Gives	
<i>Songs About</i> The Kingdom God Reigns	

Shaping in and for Truth

Proclaim God's Actions	Response Our Actions
# of songs -	# of songs -

Individual Language (I, ME)	Collective Language (Us, We)
# of songs -	# of songs -

Audience	1. To One God	2. To & For Each Other	3. To & For The Lost
# of songs			
Song Type	Psalms	Hymns	Spiritual Songs
# of songs			

Shaping the Affections

Type	Aim	# In Canon
Lament Psalms <i>Petition</i>	Songs petitioning God to act—often amidst deep distressing emotions (e.g. disappointment, grief, doubt, fear).	
Imprecatory Psalms <i>Petition</i>	Songs praying for God's justice on his and our enemies.	
Penitent Confession Psalms <i>Petition</i>	Songs confessing sin on behalf of ourselves corporately and privately.	
Hallel Praise Psalms Royal Psalms <i>Praise</i>	Songs acknowledging the Lordship and Rule of God in the now and not yet.	
Zion Psalms Songs of Ascent <i>Call to Action</i>	Songs documenting and expressing the pilgrimage of faith.	
Salvation History Psalms Covenant Psalms <i>Proclamation</i>	Songs remembering and reclaiming the story in order to experience it presently.	
Wisdom Psalms Torah Psalms <i>Exhortation/Proclamation</i>	Songs that are teaching-oriented—designed to counsel, convict and comfort people in truth.	

Multi-Generational	Children	Younger	Elders (in Age)
# of songs			

Multi-Cultural	Local Culture Groups	Global Culture Groups
# of songs		

