



Northland Christian Church Group Discussion Guide For the Week of June 6, 2021

Use the questions below as a springboard for discussion. Do not feel like you have to answer every question. These are intended to help spark discussion. Refer to as needed. Ultimately we want God's answers, not man's opinions. Always land where God lands. (ex: Where do we see that in the Bible?) Give grace. Give time for growth. Don't force it.

Connect - **Leader Note: Have some of your favorite music cued up & ready to share.**

- How often do you listen to music?
- What is your favorite genre of music? Why?
- If you could magically gain the ability to play any musical instrument well, which would you choose?

Engage the Bible - Read **1 Samuel 16:14-23** and **Colossians 3:16-17**.

The Context

Real Talent - The Power of Music

Campfires connect people because shared experiences & stories connect people. The s'mores & hotdogs don't hurt either, right? This week we're talking about another powerful tool for sharing great stories: music. Music has the ability to convey stories & messages like nothing else in a way that touches every aspect of us. There's something profoundly powerful about songs & singing.

King Saul decided to depend on himself rather than God. After refusing to wait on God & see God as the solution, he took matters into his own hands & did things his own way. As a result, God respected Saul's request - and left him alone & took his unwanted blessing from Saul & placed it on the incoming king of Israel - David. What happens to Saul is what ultimately happens to everyone that chooses to reject God & His blessings - true spiritual & inner health is impossible. An evil spirit comes to Saul & torments him bringing insecurity, fear, anxiety, unrest, depression, discouragement, fear, and a troubled heart, mind, & spirit.

So what do his advisors & counselors recommend that he do? Listen to a talented musician share his music. Music is the medicine they recommend. They even have a recommended talented musician: David. They say bring David in - he will play and make you well. And - it does. Before David even becomes the official king of Israel, he is impacting the kingdom through his talents & gifts. Through music. He changes the kingdom through music. We can all do the same thing even now. It's one way God works actually. I think it's one of the key reasons why David was called a man after God's own heart. Because God is a God of music. Why?

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mental, emotional, spiritual, and relational health. Your playlists help dictate what you believe, become, and befriend. That's why it's so important that we use wisdom and gauge and guard and know the power that our playlists contain.

What you turn on matters. What you repeat matters. What you turn up and turn down matters. It impacts you and others. Why? **Our playlists hold a powerful grip on the future.**

Discuss & Apply

1. What's your song? *Look them up on YouTube or Spotify and play them.* Discuss why they are favorites and how they help or communicate. *Maybe create your own group playlist to share with everyone.*
2. How does music affect you? How has it impacted your moods or outlook? Your beliefs? How has music added to your life?
3. Who is your favorite musician, band or group? How important is their music to you?
4. What makes you like a song? The melody, lyrics, instruments, feel, something else?
5. What songs or soundtracks get turned on, up & repeated in your life? Your family?
6. Most memorable concert you attended?
7. Doug mentioned Sunday that the Bible mentions singing 400 times and 50 times singing is commanded by God. Why do you think God is so concerned about singing?
8. Read the following passages and discuss how music impacts the situation & how God uses music to help bring victory and joy.
 - [Zephaniah 3:17](#); [2 Chronicles 20:14-24](#);

End your group time in prayer.