

## Title: Lord, Teach Us to Sing

God has commanded the church to be a singing family, but she is not left alone to figure out how to do it. The Bible teaches us how to sing together as a congregation. In this message Scott Brown seeks to explain what the Bible says about congregational singing.

God has set His people aside to sing, as David said, “*sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious.*” Ps 66:2. Congregational singing ushers every true believer to the battle lines for the defense of the true church. This is why the Bible makes singing a sacred event.

When we gather to sing we are declaring what kind of people we want to be, what kind of God we worship, what kind of messages we want to proclaim to one another, what kind of gospel we are proclaiming to the lost among us, and even what kind of family and church we are becoming. Isaac Watts described one element of this in his hymn, *Jesus Shall Reign*,

*“People and realms from every tongue*

*Dwell on His love with sweetest song*

*And infant voices shall proclaim*

*Their early blessings of His name*

Isaac Watts, 1719

This message covers the following four matters to bring us up in the training and admonition of the Lord regarding congregational singing,

I. The church is a singing family, Psalm 66:2

II. The Bible teaches us how to sing, Eph. 5:17-19; Col. 3:16

III. Handling matters of discernment and differences, John 4:24

IV. God teaches us to pursue beauty, Psalm 33