



## SONG SELECTION GUIDELINES FOR SERVICE LEADERS

The service leaders of Mount Isa Baptist Church have an extremely important task of teaching great truths about God through song. After a given service, it's more likely that our congregation will remember one of the songs that we sang, more so than one of the points of the sermon.

Therefore service leaders have an important task in choosing God-glorifying, Biblically faithful songs that can be sung together by the congregation..

We ask that as you choose songs for a service, that you would consider the following questions:

- 1. Does the song Glorify God?**
  - a. Does the song declare and leave us delighting in the character, the works, and the promises of God?
  - b. Does the song faithfully point us to Jesus as our saviour?
  - c. Does the song leave us focused on God, or ourselves?
- 2. Is the Song Biblically / Theologically Faithful in content?**
  - a. Do the lyrics accurately reflect Biblical language and themes?
  - b. Do the lyrics reflect sound theology?
  - c. Is there error or ambiguity in the lyrics that would disqualify it from being sung?
  - d. Does the song confuse sentimentality or personal emotion for Biblical truth?
- 3. Can the song be easily sung by the congregation?**
  - a. Can the song be easily learnt and sung together by the congregation.

If you are unsure of if a certain song fits this criteria, please talk to a pastor or elder. Particularly if you are selecting a new song. The pastors and elders have a responsibility before God, and will need to give an account before God, of what is taught (and sung) in the churches they oversee.

On behalf of the elders,

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