

FINDING ANCIENT pathways

Soul care wisdom from the Psalms

GROWTH GROUPS NOTES FOR W/C 9 JANUARY 2022

SING TO THE LORD; PRAISE HIS NAME.

Psalm 96:2

For many Christians, music is instrumental to their worship. We all have favourite songs and hymns, carols and pieces of music that help us draw near to the Lord. This session, we are going to use the words of our favourite songs and hymns to reflect together.

Write here the words of a song or hymn that is particularly significant to you.

Using the words of the song or hymn that you have chosen, share **just one line** that is particularly significant to you. Read the line out loud, then allow for a moment's silence. Spend a moment sharing why you have chosen that hymn/song and that line in particular.

When everyone has shared, see if there are any:

- **Common themes** that are present in the songs we have chosen
- Themes which are **underrepresented** in the songs we have chosen
- Themes that are **not addressed** in the songs we have chosen

Think about the **common themes** in the songs we have chosen:

- Why do you think they are common?
- Would Christians in different countries, traditions or cultures choose different themes do you think?

Thinking about the **themes that are not addressed** in the songs we have chosen:

- Are there any songs that speak of these themes?

Finish your time together by **linking your lines together to make a new song**— it's probably best that you don't sing it, but use the words as a 'new song' to the Lord.