



## Dig Deeper Study Guide

Stroudsburg United Methodist Church - June 10, 2012

### Sermon

*Choir Sunday*

Things I want to remember about Choir Sunday...

Monday 6/11/12  
Genesis 4:19-21

The very first book of the Bible informs us that music was an important part of Hebrew life and worship. Jubal was the son of Lamech and Jubal was the inventor of musical instruments! Music was obviously an important part of these people's life. The Easton Dictionary of the Bible even states, "The Hebrews were much given to the cultivation of music." What role does music play in your life? Do you enjoy music? Do you play an instrument? Today, consider cultivating your musical skills and consider singing in the church choir or playing an instrument in church!

Tuesday 6/12/12  
Exodus 15

After God brought the people out of Egypt and provided a miraculous way for them to cross the Red Sea, they sang a song of thanksgiving, also called a song of deliverance. This song was in joyful response to how God saved them. Many times we are thankful for things that happen in our lives and at these times we might feel like singing, too. "I sing because I'm happy..." are lyrics that reflect this sentiment. Sing the next time something goes well in your life.

Wednesday 6/13/12  
1 Samuel 10:5

The period of Samuel, David, and Solomon was the golden age of music in Hebrew history. It was also the golden age of Hebrew poetry. Music now, for the first time, was cultivated in the culture. Here in the book of Samuel we hear how music was part of the training for prophets. By this time in history, music was a critical part of Hebrew culture. How is music part of our culture today? Did you have to take a music class in high school? What role does music play in our lives today?



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<p>Things to do this week in response to the sermon...</p> <p><i>Sing some of the great songs of faith!</i></p> <p><i>Listen to your favorite type of music and allow the music to soothe your soul.</i></p>	<p>Thursday 6/14/11 2 Samuel 19:35 &amp; Ecclesiastes 2:8</p> <p>These two verses indicate that there were professional singers in Bible times. Some musicians and singers have the ability to use their musical talents and knowledge in a musical career. We see this same thing today. Music teachers, voice teachers, professional singers and musicians, are very present today and even locally here in our part of the world. Give thanks today for those who use their musical talents in their profession.</p>
<p><i>Think about how important music is in worship.</i></p> <p><i>Sing a song to the Lord!</i></p>	<p>Friday 6/15/11 2 Samuel 6:5</p> <p>Music was important in the Temple though, too. In this verse we read how David and all of Israel played their instruments for the Lord. Music was a large part of worship back in David's day, just as it continues to be a large part of worship today. A variety of musical instruments were utilized in Temple worship: wood instruments, harps, timbrels, coronets, and even cymbals! How important do you think music is for worship today? Do you enjoy singing songs of faith?</p>
	<p>Saturday 6/16/11 Psalm 137 &amp; Luke 15:25</p> <p>Music was also important in the private lives of the biblical characters. There are plenty of examples where we read about this in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. Some of us today who are not professional singers and don't even sing in the choir, do sing in the shower or in the car as we are driving. There is just something special about music that seems to speak directly to the heart. Find time today to sing. Enjoy the music you hear on the radio or your iPod. Let the melodies of these songs fill your life with richness and expression. Music is a powerful thing. Allow music to speak to your heart today!</p>