



New Sound Gate Bible Study

for individuals and small groups

We recommend you listen to the introductory sermon of the Fling Wide the Gates vision by Elaine Sutherland and the podcast/YouTube sermons that relate to this gate by Simon Braker. All are available through our website www.htl.church.

If you are using this as an individual study, please use the group element to think of others you might discuss this with.

IN

Welcome one another and ask everyone in one sentence to share some way they have seen the full gospel at work this week. Then spend a few minutes in thanksgiving prayer.

UP

The New Sound is the Good news of the Kingdom of God. The text that has been used to preach on this gate is Psalm 96, take time to read it now.

- Notice the verbs; sing, declare, ascribe, worship. Discuss/think about the action that is connected to these verbs and what they say to us about our discipleship.
- This Psalm is found in 1 Chronicles 16:7-36 when David was bringing the ark of God to Jerusalem. Read the WHOLE of chapter 16 and as you do, notice how the story of Gods people weaved into the Psalm of Thanks.
- The Key for us is to discern the “New” that God is doing now. We remind ourselves of the five Cs that guide us in discernment: Commanding Scripture, Compelling Spirit (Acts 20:22), Common Sense (2 Tim 2:7), Counsel of the Saints (Prov 15:22 and Prov 20:18) and Circumstantial signs (Prov 16:9, Ps 37:5). We often use the 5 C’s in personal guidance but they also apply beyond our individual situations. However, the New Sound Gate is primarily about the church and society which is why we need to connect with the prophetic as well as the five Cs. In the New Testament Paul teaches that some hold the office of a Prophet but all should eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy see 1 Corinthians 14:1. This means we need to discern together and engage with what God is doing and saying through his people within the church, nationally and across the world. What are the positives and negatives of this? How does this make you feel?

With all this in mind let’s look at three prophets who can help us think about how we see revelation for “the new”:

- Read Isaiah 6:1-8 and briefly discuss the importance of confession, repentance and humility.
- Read 1 Samuel 3:1-11 briefly discuss the importance of listening.
- Read Jeremiah 1: 4-13. Notice the Lord first of all confirms his love for Jeremiah and his calling, but then asks him “What do you see?” - when the Lords asks you this question what is your answer and what does it say about the story of the church and society weaved within the answer? We will refer to this again in the OUT section.



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- Back to 1 Chronicles chapter 16. We see the important role of the Levites in leading worship with the Psalm itself commanding us to sing a New Song. God appointed the Levites primarily to minister Him in worship. This why we believe it is essential Holy Trinity invests in worship and the writing of new songs that connect with the new sound of this season. Part of the ministry of the Worship team is to write songs that connect with the specific word of the Lord about the season we are in. How have you engaged with the songs that have already been written and recorded that we already use, and how do you plan to engage with the new ones that we will be singing shortly? How do we respond to the call to worship in obedience?

OUT

How will you and your MSC go through the New Sound Gate? If you are doing this study individually to whom can you be accountable for your next steps. Commit this week to intentionally spending time in worship and set time aside for the Lord to ask you the question "What do you see?". Please forward to Elaine with any words the Lord gives you, (esutherland@htl.church).

Finally, spend just a few minutes naming how this gate flows into the other gates and how they flow into this: Full Gospel Gate, New Sound Gate, Mercy & Justice Gate, Living Word Gate, Prayer & Presence Gate, Salvation Gate, All Peoples Gate.

End with prayer for each other, if time allows spend time seeking revelation for each other and your MSC. Pray for the Prophetic and Worship ministry of Holy Trinity.

Book Recommendation if this is new to you:

Growing in the Prophetic
by Mike Bickle

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