

**Bible Study Series “Singing the Unsung”
Session Eight - Becoming The Body of Christ**

Decisions that have to do with depth that confront us in the church today (continued from last session)

3) Participation vs Performance

“We’re all on the stage... what we do together is a performance for Almighty God”

Recorded music quality may put unrealistic expectations on musicians. We work with the gifts among us!

Performance as a repetition of the past, instead of participating in the present

4) Experience over intellectualism

We’ve tended say that salvation is about right doctrine instead of about right relationship

What do you remember as being a worship experience that was significant for you for the growth of your faith?

God has spoken in ways that are other than the intellect

Story of Elijah’s experience of God - not as expected, but in the calm (a pregnant silence)

Preaching is part of a bigger reality which is the liturgy

Participation in worship is so vital for the experience - with the body, with imagination



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Session Nine - Living the Gospel**

song: Sizohamba Naye

song: Alleluia (Zimbabwe)

song: Kyrie (Guatemala)

Connected through song with the church all around the world

Sermon - what do we obey?

Jesus reminds people of why the Ten Commandments were given - they were meant to liberate and help people become fuller human beings

Jesus does not stand on the side of those who want to have more and more laws; Jesus says you can not legislate on the side of goodness, but you can encourage people to love each other

song: “Because Christ came to enter into our journey”



For discussion:

Describe a situation in your personal life or worshipping community where the law takes priority over justice and mercy. (And where justice and mercy take priority over the law.)