

# FOR DISCUSSION:

*We need to create a balance between familiar songs and new songs. The familiar shouldn't become stale or stagnant. The new should not be overwhelming or a barrier to engaging with God.*

*Our goal is not to promote the newest or to continue with the accepted. It is to facilitate the meeting of God and His people through musical worship.*

*As worshippers, we seek unity and connection with God. If we cannot model this as leaders by seeking unity and connection between differing musical groups, then we limit our ability to serve the congregation. We need to put aside our preferences and be an example to the people that we lead.*

*"This is what I like" is a personal statement. If the main argument for why we want to use a particular song in worship is "because I like it," it needs to be supported by:*

*Does it work for our congregation?*

*Does it fit within the theme of this service?*

*Are the words theologically sound?*

*Our goal is to strive for excellence as we serve. This excellence is not a reflection of our own abilities as a leader, but rather of our passion for people to meet with God through what we do.*