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## The Word of Christ

*Col 3:16-17*

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### Background

In the classic musical *The Sound of Music*, newly-installed governess Maria -- loosely based on the historical Maria Von Trapp -- discovers that her task of teaching those in her care is better accomplished with a little music. Nineteen centuries prior, the Apostle Paul came to the same conclusion, even elevating singing to the level of teaching and admonishing as a means of filling our hearts with the Word of Christ! Join us this Sunday as we take a closer look at this wonderful tool God has given us to hold onto the truth of Christ that sets us free.

### Sermon Text: Col 3:16-17 (ESV)

*<sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

### Discussion Questions

#### 1. Preparation

- a. What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
- b. What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?
- c. What stands out to you the most from this sermon?

## 2. Sunday questions

- a. Eugene said that teaching forms the head, admonishing (discipleship) forms the hands and singing forms the heart. These three ways of worship help the Word of Christ dwell richly in us. Can you give specific examples of how you have been formed in these three areas?
- b. Of the three ways of worshiping in this text (teaching, admonishing and singing), which one do you typically enjoy the most? (Remember that Eugene compared “admonishing” to discipling.) Why?
- c. How does “singing” fit into your worship? Is it a major part of your worship? Why or why not?
- d. Essentially, churches are known to “fight” over styles of music. Traditionally, this has been called “worship wars.” Do you feel strongly about styles of music? Why or why not? Did your perspective change as a result of Eugene’s sermon?
- e. What is your favorite worship song right now? Can you explain why?