

# MUSIC

But be filled with the Spirit,  
speaking to one another **in  
psalms and hymns and  
spiritual songs**, singing and  
making melody in your heart to  
the Lord (Eph 5:19)

# DISCUSSION

**Is music bad??**



# **IS MUSIC BAD?**

**Like almost everything else, music can be good or bad... depends on how it is used**



# **MUSIC IN THE BIBLE**

**Can you give some examples of music in the Bible?**

**Did Jesus or the disciples ever mention music?**



# **MUSIC IS VERY POWERFUL..**

**Humans respond to music very powerfully  
Its an innate response that we have from  
childhood:**



# **WHEN DO WE USE MUSIC IN CHURCH?**

**Mass hymns**

**Carols**

**Hymns in  
meetings,  
Sunday  
school...**

**Most of Passion  
Week prayers**



**PROBLEM IS THAT THERE'S ALSO BAD MUSIC...**

**We're not saying “never listen to music”**

**BUT! What we can say is be wise about what you're listening to:**



# **MUSIC NOWADAYS**

**Lots of sexual  
lyrics**

**Encourage sexual  
behaviour**

**New music even  
encourages  
homosexuality  
(Macklemore  
“Same Love”)**

**JUST BE AWARE!  
Because  
temptation  
comes from all  
directions...  
INCLUDING OUR  
EARS!**



# MUSIC NOWADAYS



**Some lyrics are  
very  
disrespectful to  
Christianity:**

**Eg Lady Gaga  
song about  
Judas?!?**

**Madonna  
crucifying  
herself...**

**“BUT I LIKE MAKING RAP MUSIC”**

**This is the new cool thing to do**

**Get a real hobby**

**It's not wrong to make rap music, but  
again...**

- **LISTEN TO HOW MUCH THEY SWEAR! How can we listen to this music and then kneel to pray?**

**IM NOT SURE IF THIS MUSIC IS OKAY OR NOT...**

**One way to make a judgement is, if Abouna was next to me, would I be ashamed of the music I'm listening to?**

**And if it is too inappropriate to listen to next to a priest, how about when God is always beside us?**



# ALTERNATIVES TO BAD MUSIC

## Listen to Christian Music

- Hope 103.2, good christian bands (casting Crowns, Newsboys, Switchfoot...)
- Church hymns/masses

## If not:

- At least, the first step would be not to listen to outright rude/disrespectful music

**If not that even, at least be aware of what we listen to without realising**

**But be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord (Eph 5:19)**

**THAT VERSE TELLS US WE NEED TO LEARN HYMNS AND SING THEM!!**

# **SUMMARY**

**Music itself is NOT wrong**

**Be careful what we listen to**

**Try to cut down if listening too much**

**Cut down bad music out... try to replace with  
good Christian music (or at least not rude  
music for now...)**

**Learn church hymns**