

Doxa Mission Statement

Doxa is the band and vocal team at Epiphany Fellowship.

Why the name *Doxa*?: The Greek word *doxa* (δοξα) literally means “glory”. The glory of God is the revelation and manifestation of all that He is and has done, most clearly seen in the person & work of Jesus Christ (John 1:14,18; Colossians 1:15-20, 2:9)¹. The scriptures proclaim that the chief end of man is “to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever”² (Ephesians 1:4-6; Isaiah 43:6-7; Romans 11:36; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Psalm 73:25-28). We are defined by this purpose and, through the medium of music, *Doxa* seeks to proclaim the

“light of the gospel of the *glory* of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the *glory* of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” (2 Corinthians 4:4b-6 ESV, emphasis added)

Our ministry to the church: Through musically excellent psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, we invite believers to behold the glory of God and respond to Him in worship, as well as equip them for the work of ministry (1 Peter 2:9; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Ephesians 5:19-20, Colossians 3:15-17; Ephesians 4:17).

Our ministry from the church: Through culturally relevant music with biblical content, we invite the unbeliever to encounter God through the proclamation of His glory (John 4:21-26; Psalm 67; Psalm 96; Isaiah 6:1-8; Romans 15:8-9).

Our mission: *Doxa* exists to provide contextually relevant, gospel-centered, God-glorifying music to, through, from, and for the urban context. Musically, we will express this in a way that is:

- ***vintage*** – faithful to the historic Christian faith as proclaimed by the apostles' teachings & the Holy Scriptures (Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 1:17, 2:1-2);
- ***current*** – relevant to current day musical forms of expression (1 Chronicles 12:32);
- ***urban*** – stylistically sensitive to the culture, people, & context in which God has placed us on mission (1 Corinthians 9:19-23); and
- ***congregational*** – participatory in order to encourage gathered believers to sing together (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16).

Through comprehensive lifestyles of worship, the members of *Doxa* seek to be a living and breathing doxology to the praise of the glory of His grace:

“Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be the *glory* in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (Ephesians 3:20-21 ESV, emphasis added)

¹ W. E. Vine, Merrill F. Unger, William White, Jr., “glory,” in *Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary* (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1996), p. 267.

² *The Westminster Confession of Faith*, “The Shorter Catechism” (Atlanta, GA: Committee for Christian Education & Publications, 1990), p. 3.