



Inspiring Worship

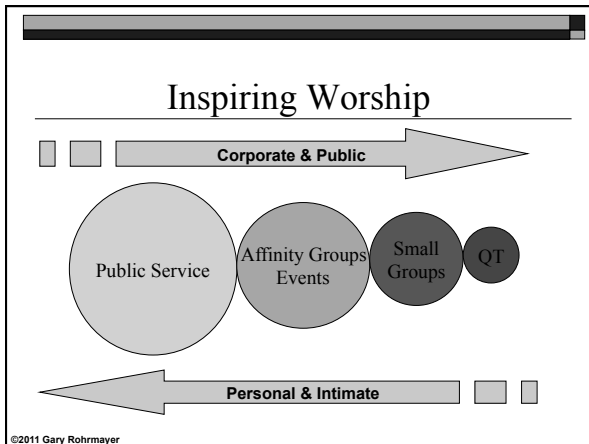
“Let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably
with reverence and awe”
– Hebrews 12:28

Inspiring Worship

Inspiring worship as a personal and corporate encounter with the living God. Both personal and corporate worship must be infused with the presence of God resulting in times of joyous exultation and times of quiet reverence. Inspiring worship is not driven by a particular style or ministry focus group---but rather the shared experience of God’s awesome presence.

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Personal Worship

- Romans 12:1-2 - A Surrender Life
- Hebrews 13:15 - A Sacrifice of Praise
- Hebrews 13:16 - Service and Generosity
- Philippians 4:18 - Financial Gifts

“Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong.”

- Ecclesiastes 5:1

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Corporate Worship Services

Elements of a Worship Service

- Leaders were prepared - II Chronicles 5:11
- Celebrative Atmosphere - II Chronicles 5:12-13
- God Centered - II Chronicles 5:13; 7:3,6
- Focused Prayer - II Chronicles 6:3-42
- God Moment - II Chronicles 7:1-2
- Reflective Spirit - II Chronicles 7:3
- Offerings Received - II Chronicles 7:4-7
- Lives Impacted - II Chronicles 7:10

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1. Establish your own liturgy or consistent order of service.

- It build trust
- It establishes better flow
- It provides better avenues for training leaders

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- What does your churches liturgy or order of service look like?

- How often do you change it and why?

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Sample

- Prelude (kick off instrumental) – 2 min. before service starts
- Greetings
- First Worship Set (3-4 songs moving Celebrative to Reflective)
- Prayer Moment (Children dismissed and Greeting each other)
- Setting up the message (music, video, scripture reading)
- Message
- Response Time (Reflection and offering)
- Final Worship Set (1-2 songs moving from Reflective to Celebrative)
- Benediction (Send out with Blessing or a Charge)

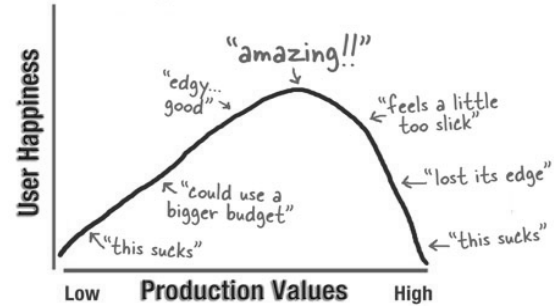
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2. Aim for the sweet spot in your cultural setting.

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The Imperfections Curve



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- What are some other implications of the imperfection curve?
- On what side do you err too sloppy or too slick?

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3. Solicit feedback as much as possible.

Weekly in the Services
Weekly with Staff
Annually NCD Survey

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Feedback in the Service

Thoughts on Today's Message.

- Today's message has . . .
- Inspired me to take action by . . .
- Given me new insight on . . .
- Raised a question regarding . . .
- Helped me with . . .
- Challenged my way of thinking because . . .

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Feedback with Staff

"The Five F's":

1. Focused on God
2. Faithful to God's Word
3. Friendly Atmosphere
4. Fun (Joyful) Experience
5. Familiarity for audience

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4. Video tape the service.

- Start recording the service 10 minutes before it starts so that you can evaluate how people enter, what people are doing, how the band gets to the stage and how the service actually begins.
- Record the service one week looking at the stage.
- Record the service the next week looking at the congregation. Watch them and you will learn a ton.
- Review every transition. How did it make you feel? How did it relate to what was coming next? Were the best words chosen to communicate the idea or was the best song used?
- Let the recording run 10 minutes after the service is over. How did the service end? How did people leave? How did it feel? Complete? Or abrupt?
- Look at subtleties, eye contact, backs to the audience, segue's, on stage communication between the band and leader, facial expressions. These little things are many times the difference between 800 and 1200 people!

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5. Offer moments of response and reflection.

"Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD' — and you forgave the guilt of my sin. **Selah.**" - Psalm 32:5

"The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. **Selah.**" - Psalm 46:7

"Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens. **Selah.**" Psalm 68:19

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Response Filter

Response Filtering is employing methods for registering responses to mass evangelism efforts for the purpose of follow up, discipleship and church planting.

(Dave Garrison, Church Planting Movements, pg 60)

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Communication Cards

NorthBridge Communication Card

Name: _____ This is my 1st time 2nd time 3rd time I'm a regular
 Address: _____ How did you hear about us? (First-time visitors only)
 City/St/Zip: _____ Friend Mailing Website Phonebook Other ___
 Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____

Age: High School Student 18-29 30-39 40 & Over
 Single Married Widowed Divorced

I would like more information on the following:
 Discovery Groups Ministry Opportunities
 Home Teams Children's Ministry
 Adventure Trips My Spiritual Journey

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
 Please write any prayer requests on the reverse side.

Thoughts on Today's Message
 (Please check any and all appropriate boxes)

Today's message has
 Inspired me to take action by... Given me new insight on...
 Raised a question regarding... Helped me with...
 Challenged my way of thinking because...
 Explain: _____

Today I invited Jesus Christ into my life! 09/05/04

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Ways to Get Better Response

1. Make in an 'all-in-one' communication tool
2. Acknowledge the card three times during the service
3. Handout pens
4. Take the offering at the end of the service
5. Train your people consistently

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- Do you regularly plan 'Selah' moments in your services?
- Are you getting the responses consistently?

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6. Make Prayer ... Prayer!

- Prayer was central in the life of the church in the book of Acts. (Acts 2:42)
- Prayer is an act of worship.
- Prayer reveals our corporate need for God's favor and blessing in our churches
- Public prayer is an opportunity to teach the new believer and the spiritual searcher how to pray.
- Public prayer is an opportunity to teach the maturing leader how to deepen their prayer life.
- Public prayer is an opportunity to encourage the worshippers to write out and submit prayer requests for the prayer team to pray over.

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- When does focused prayer take place in your services?

- What have you done to creatively with prayer in your worship service?

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7. Select appropriate music.

2 Questions to Consider:

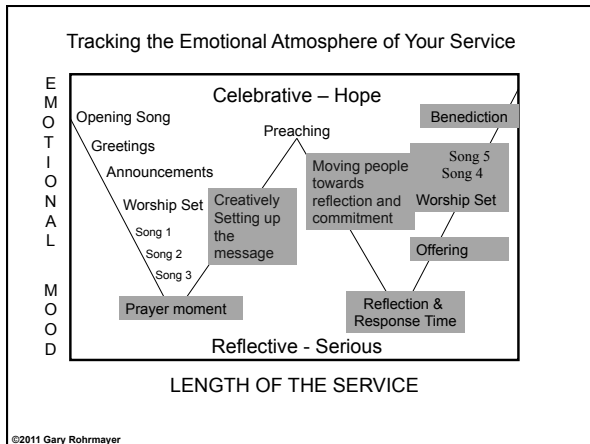
- Are people singing?
- What type of emotional mood are your setting with your music?

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Are People Singing?

- Are the songs we chose easily sung by the congregation?
- Are the songs we chose memorable?
- How often do we introduce new songs?
- How do we teach new songs to our congregation?
- Are these songs in a range the men can sing them?
- How do we encourage physical participation clapping, lifting hands etc.?

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8. Improving your first impression

George Barna’s research indicates that 70% of all people who visit a church make up their mind about coming back—before the pastor gets up to speak. *(Barna Research Group)*

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- ## Unchurched First Impressions
- The facilities and grounds are in bad condition. (43 percent)
 - I do not know where to go. Where are the directional signs? (39 percent)
 - Most people do not speak to me. (33 percent)
 - A few people are friendly. (32 percent)
 - I am not sure where to sit in the sanctuary/worship center. (28 percent)
 - I had trouble finding a parking place. (26 percent)
 - The facilities and grounds are in good condition. (22 percent)
 - I was glad someone greeted me in the parking lot. (18 percent)
 - I could not find a place to get information on the church. (17 percent)
 - The nursery/preschool was not suitable for my child. (16 percent)
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- ## 20 Point Assessment
1. Website
 2. Signage
 3. Answering Machine
 4. Receptionist
 5. Facilities
 6. Church Publications
 7. Greeters
 8. Ushers
 9. Nursery
 10. Children’s Area & Programming
 11. Atmosphere
 12. Language, Labels and Themes
 13. Music
 14. Expectations
 15. Creative Communication
 16. Use of Bible
 17. Pastor or Pastors
 18. Service times and length
 19. People genuinely experiencing God
 20. Pace, mood and flow of service
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9. Upgrade Children's Ministry

- **Safety**
 - How can we make the registration process smoother and more family friendly?
 - How can we increase the warmth and attractiveness of our children's ministry area?
 - How are we checking the backgrounds of teachers and helpers?
 - How are we keeping safety at the forefront of parent's minds?

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- **Teachers & Helpers**
 - How are we honoring our teachers and volunteers?
 - What are we doing to retain our best teachers?
 - What are we doing to recruit more men to be involved in our children's program?
 - Do we have monthly encouragement and equipping meetings for our teachers and volunteers?
 - How are we insuring a good teacher-student ratio in our children's ministry?

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- **Communication**
 - What type of literature do we have explaining the ins and outs our children's ministry and nursery program?
 - How are we acknowledging the visit time visit of the child in our children's ministry?
 - What are we doing to encourage parents in discipling their children?

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- **Mission**
 - How are we encouraging children to reach out to their friends?
 - How do we include the children's ministry in the worship service?
 - How are we including children's ministry in our missional endeavors throughout and beyond our community?
 - How can we increase the budget for our children's program?

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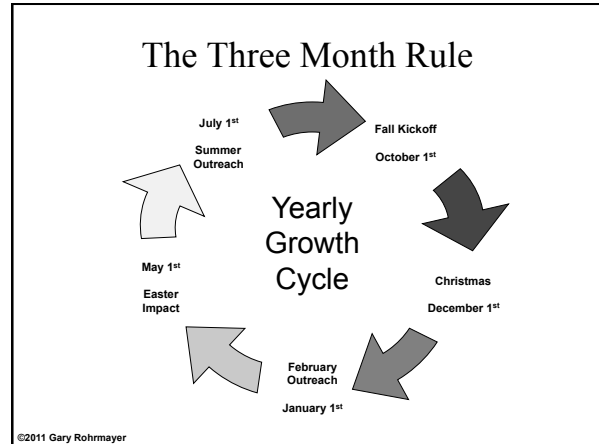
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10. Planning ahead

- One year preaching calendar
- Six month marketing strategy
- Three month service planning

Creativity takes thought, work and time.

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11. Taking Your Preaching to the Next Level

What are the five things you want to accomplish with you preaching this year?

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12. End Your Service Well

One of the worst things I can here is a worship leader or pastor say at the end of a service is "You are now dismissed". When we dismiss people we actual become dismissive with people. Leaders need to learn how to send people out the a blessing or a charge to live out the mission of Christ in the world.

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Blessing & Charges

- **May the God** who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5-6
- **May the God** of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13
- **May the grace of the Lord Jesus** Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. II Corinthians 13:14
- **Therefore** if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Philippians 2:1-2
- **Therefore** let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity Hebrews 6:1
- **Therefore** go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit... Matthew 28:19

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Coaching Moments

- List 2-3 things you can do before your next Big Sunday to improve your worship services
- Write them down

Think them ... then ink them ... so you can delegate them.

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Q & A



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