

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP MASTERCLASS



SESSION FOUR

EXECUTING A WORSHIP SET AND SPECIAL TOPICS

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BUILDING BLOCK 5: PROPHECY AND WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

The principle of planned spontaneity

1 Cor 14:26

What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church.



BUILDING BLOCK 5: PROPHECY AND WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

The spontaneous release of word and prophecy is evidence of God's presence

1 Cor 14:24, 25

But if an unbeliever or someone who does not understand comes in while everybody is prophesying, he will be convinced by all that he is a sinner and will be judged by all, and the secrets of his heart will be laid bare. So he will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, 'God is really among you!'

BUILDING BLOCK 5: PROPHECY AND WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Facilitating the release of the word of encouragement and prophecy

1. Expect it
2. Model it
3. Plan for it

Weigh the words!



BUILDING BLOCK 6: WORSHIP AND INTERCESSION

A prayer meeting is a time for seeking God and agreeing with Him in prayer, not a time for presenting a shopping-list of needs.

E Stanley Jones

Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, it is cooperating with His highest willingness



BUILDING BLOCK 6: WORSHIP AND INTERCESSION

Ground the prayer meeting in Scripture

God responds when we agree with the things on His heart as expressed through His Word

See Ex 39:9-14



BUILDING BLOCK 6: WORSHIP AND INTERCESSION

Practical Tips

1. Encourage everyone to participate by stepping out in faith to pray what God has laid on their heart.
2. Pray strong, passionate, scriptural prayers.
3. Use music as a unifying thread between prayer.
4. Choose songs which are faith-lifting, God exalting or intercessory in theme.

EXERCISE

PRAYING THROUGH SCRIPTURE



WORSHIP WITHOUT MUSIC

Practical Tips

1. Educate your cell about worship.
2. Experiment with your voices.
3. Choose simpler songs that are not music dependent.
4. Use simple percussion instruments to keep rhythm.
5. Encourage people to learn musical instruments.
6. Lead with expectation and faith.

EMERGING TRENDS IN WORSHIP

1. A rediscovery of radical grace

3 thoughts

- Grace will be the basis for our freedom in Christ, not to do as we please but to do as God pleases.
- The realisation of grace will free us from condemnation and bring blessings, favour and intimacy with God.
- Grace will be the transformational force towards holiness because when we realise just how much Christ has done for us, we will fall more and more in love with Him and we won't want to sin.

EMERGING TRENDS IN WORSHIP

1. A rediscovery of radical grace

Implications

- Our worship is perfected through Christ's holiness, not by our own holiness (Heb 7:28; 10:11-14)
- We are all qualified to serve God.
- Grace gives us the confidence to draw near to God (Heb 10:19-21; 13:5-6)

EMERGING TRENDS IN WORSHIP

2. Worship in a flattened structure

Frank Viola and George Barna

What the Reformers failed to do was to recover the corporate dimension of the believing priesthood. They restored the doctrine of the believing priesthood soteriologically –i.e. as it related to salvation. But they failed to restore it ecclesiologically – i.e as it related to the church.

EMERGING TRENDS IN WORSHIP

3. A Redefinition of Sacred Space

2 Chron 20:21-22

Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise him for the splendour of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: "Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever."

As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.

EMERGING TRENDS IN WORSHIP

4. Worship and Justice

John Piper

Missions exist because worship doesn't.

David Ruis

As true as the worship was, and even though the choicest offerings were brought, there was one special ingredient that created the fragrance of worship that God longed to have permeate the worship brought before Him. The ingredient was justice.

CULTIVATING THE GIFTING

1. Discipline creates freedom
2. Maintain a posture of humility
3. Live heart first
4. Balance the faith of the head, the faith of the heart and the faith of the hands
5. Surround yourself with those who celebrate you

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THE END

CONGRATULATIONS. THE
JOURNEY HAS JUST BEGUN!

