

SESSION 4: EXECUTING A WORSHIP SET (CONTINUED) AND SPECIAL TOPICS

A. BUILDING BLOCK 5: PROPHECY AND WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

1 Cor 14:33

God is not a God of disorder, but of peace.

1 Cor 14:26:

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

The spontaneous release of word and prophecy is _____ 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.'

Facilitating the release of the word of encouragement and prophecy:

- a. E_____ it.
- b. M_____ it.
- c. P_____ for it.

B. BUILDING BLOCK 6: WORSHIP AND INTERCESSION

Two important principles:

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

Leonard Ravenhill observed:

“Poverty-stricken as the Church is today in many things, she is most stricken here in the place of prayer. We have many organizers, but few agonisers; many players and payers, but few pray-ers; many singers, few clingers; lots of pastors, few wrestlers; many fears, few tears; much fashion, little passion; many interferers, few intercessors; many writers but few fighters. Failing here, we fail everywhere.”

E. Stanley Jones:

“Prayer is not overcoming God’s reluctance; it is cooperating with His highest willingness.”


2. Ground the Prayer Meeting in _____

The power of praying the Word of God is that it reminds God of His _____.

Read: Exodus 32:9-14

 Exercise 5: Praying Through Scripture

Practical Tips:

- a) Encourage everyone to _____ by stepping out in faith to pray what God has laid on their heart.
- b) Pray strong, _____, _____ prayers.
 Prayer by Beverley Pegues (from “Shine Your Light Through the Window”).
- c) Use _____ as a unifying thread between prayer.
- d) Choose songs which are _____, _____ or intercessory in theme.

Some examples: Spirit Touch Your Church, Heal Our Land, How Great is Our God, Great is the Lord, Awesome God, Hear Us from Heaven

C. WORSHIP WITHOUT MUSIC

Practical Tips:

- a) _____ your cell about worship.
- b) _____ with your voices.
- c) Choose _____ songs that are not _____ dependent.
- d) Use simple _____ instruments to keep _____.
- e) _____ people to learn musical instruments.
- f) Lead with _____ and _____.

**Demonstration: leading worship without music*

D. EMERGING TRENDS IN WORSHIP

1. A Rediscovery of _____

Anonymous:

Grace is everything for nothing to those who don't deserve anything.

The finished work of the Cross

Thoughts:

- a) Grace will be the basis for our _____ in Christ, not to do as we please, but to do as God pleases.
- b) The realisation of grace will free us from _____ and bring _____, _____ and _____.
- c) Grace will be the _____ force towards _____, 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.

2. Worship in a _____ structure

1 Cor 14 – “everyone gets to play”

Acts 2:42ff:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teachings and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Frank Viola and George Barna observed:

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.

In other words, the Reformers only recovered the priesthood of the believer (singular). They reminded us that every Christian had individual and immediate access to God. As wonderful as that is, they did not recover the priesthood of all believers (collective plural).

3. A redefinition of _____ space

The sacred/secular divide

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.

Two principles:

- a) God moves _____ when we begin to praise.
- b) Praise brings the presence of God into the very _____ of the battlefield.

The church needs to take _____ where _____ isn't.

Sally Morgenthaler:

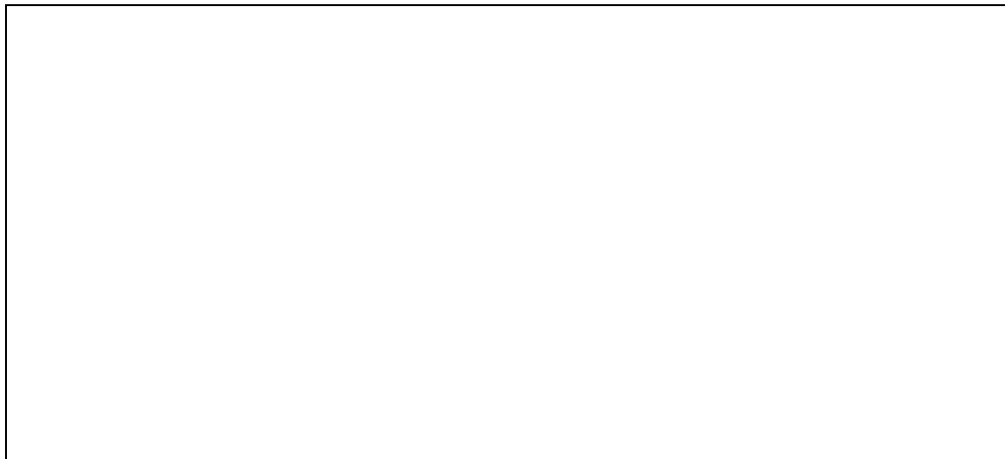
So what if we could witness through worship? We can't get people to cross the thresholds of our buildings. As I see it, we are truly in a missional situation and the old 'if we build it, they will come' mentality is going to get less and less results. [It] seems to me we're going to have to start sending ourselves instead of mail-outs. And then, in the midst of doing that, can we create sacred spaces and places that bridge the unchurched into worship settings outside of our sanctuaries and worship centres?

Lamar Boschman:

Most of these churches are willing to do whatever is necessary to fulfill their mission. They are not institutional, they are indigenous; they have a different concept of time and space in their worship. They meet between cars in a parking lot, or in a warehouse, or simply hang speakers outside their apartment building and have church on the street.

4. Worship and Justice

The circle of worship:



John Piper:

Missions exist because worship doesn't.

Luke 4:17-19

The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recover of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour”.

Amos 5:21-24

*I hate, I despise your religious feasts;
I cannot stand your assemblies.
Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not
accept them.
Though you bring choice fellowship offerings,
I will have no regard for them.
Away with the noise of your songs!
I will not listen to the music of your harps.
But let justice roll on like a river,
Righteousness like a never failing stream!*

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.

E. CULTIVATING THE GIFTING

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