



CULTIVATING A RHYTHM OF WORSHIP IN YOUR CHURCH

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1. Develop a relationship with these other leaders in your church.

- a. What you can accomplish together will be far greater than what you can each do on your own.
- b. *Psalm 145:3&4 Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! No one can measure his greatness. Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power. (NLT)*

2. Disciple kids in the area of worship.

- a. We will give an account
- b. An active mission of every church should be to help believers become who God created them to be
- c. God created all of us to be is a worshipper.
- d. Although a lot of churches check the box of worship off the list each week, there is still a lot left to be desired in how we are leading others to encounter the presence of Jesus during our times of worship.
- e. Worship happening in another room isn't competition to what you do
- f. For EVERY age, worshipping God is a key part of why we gather in our churches as well as our personal walk with Christ.

3. I want to invite you to think about how your church is raising Christ followers up to be the worshippers that God intends for them to be?

- a. As a young child, preteen or student how are they experiencing God's presence and growing in their expression of worship?
- b. **Do you have a vision?**
 - i. For kidmin
 - ii. For age groups
 - iii. For each level of classrooms
 - iv. Developing a vision for worship at every age level is a worthy and important task.

4. When ministries work as silos, as opposed to with a strategy and mission, worship happens all over the map.

- a. You could have one age group that has great worship where people are engaged and then another age group that has weak leadership and let's be honest, a major disconnect.

- b. Worship is happening at various speeds and levels of intentionality because there's no overall vision of the house for worship.
 - c. Do you know the vision of the house?**
 - i. Start a conversation with worship pastor and student ministry leaders.
 - ii. Go to lunch or grab coffee and start dreaming about what worship can look like for your church.
 - iii. This could be the beginning of an ongoing relationship and solution in which you can all dream and work together to raise up worshippers within your church.
- 5. Have you ever stopped to think about what kind of worshipper you want adults in your congregation to be?**
- a. One of the ways you can accomplish seeing that vision come to pass is by starting the process in the preschool ministry of your church, and then building upon that foundation in the elementary ministry.
 - b. Roots can grow deeper as a preteen and middle schooler
 - c. The impact spans even greater as a high school student.
- 6. Build a relationship with the pastors and team members.**
- a. Ask these hard questions and work with them to work not as silos but with strategy and vision.
 - b. Over the span of one generation you can completely change the way that worship is cultivated within the life of your congregation.
 - c. The results of this effort is to have men and women that understand that worship is a communication tool in responding to God. What a win!
 - d. Imagine what this world could be like if we learned to run TO God with whatever we face as opposed to running FROM Him while we try to handle things our self.
 - e. If you will give people an opportunity to experience God's presence it will be something that they taste and want more of.
 - i. Psalm 34:8 says: "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." (NIV)
- 7. Where to begin?**
- a. Start with the end in mind, "what kind of adult worshippers do you want to have?"
 - b. And then work backwards to define and develop what the goal needs to be for each age group and classroom within your church.

- i. You have 936 Sundays in the life of a young person. That's over 900 opportunities, as you gather, to help kids fall in love with Jesus through worship.
 1. Help toddlers and preschoolers gather to WORSHIP.
 2. Help elementary kids gather to WORSHIP.
 3. Help preteens gather to WORSHIP.
 4. Help middle school gather to WORSHIP.
 5. Help high schoolers gather to WORSHIP.
 6. Help Adults gather to WORSHIP.

8. As you define your vision and determine what you want kids to learn about worship --communicate that to the leaders and teachers working in those classes.

- a. This sets the bar of what they are aiming to do with the songs that the lead and the words they share.
- b. It gives them a box that they should work within.
- c. It determines the purpose of the kind of songs they should be doing and the type of engagement that should be getting.
- d. Help your leaders understand the importance of teaching kids what worship looks like in their life. How do they do it? Why is it important?
- e. These are all things that they can point to and underline as they plan the words that are shared each and every week as they lead.

9. This process could also lead to building a team that can serve in multiple areas. There could be positions and rooms where you develop musicians and worship leaders to serve your church for years to come. (Think "farm club " system.)

- a. **I believe in this pattern: TRAIN - PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY - EVALUATE - REPEAT.**

BECI:

- Hillsong Kids Junior Leadership Program website where families can get info and sign up (they receive a t-shirt/lanyard/passpsort) that way we recognize who is serving each week <https://hillsong.com/australia/kids/jlp/>
 - The kids passport has a self reflection page they fill in each week to see where they had a win or how they can improve
 - We come alongside the kids in areas of confidence / skills / team / leadership etc...
- When they finish in kids we invite them to join our young guns program (youth who serve) and encourage them to be involved at youth and church etc...

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At TP, we currently have a resident program that exists to prepare young leaders to be sent as workers into the harvest for exactly this reason. <https://www.tpcc.org/leadership-residents> The residents are full-time

paid staff for one year. Our Production Director, Brent Whetstine said it like this on a recent Facebook post: "Our goal for our Leadership Resident in Production: To grow you till you are a Technical Director that any church would hire. But it's not just that - our residents are an integral part of our team every weekend, leading and making us better." I believe we have ~10 each year, in various areas of ministry. We love raising people up and sending them out, the soil seems very fertile for that at TP.

10. REMEMBER: Worship happening in another room isn't competition to what you do

11. VISION HOMEWORK:

- Create a "missions statement" for each area/class/age group and what you want to make sure they learn and know about worship when they graduate to the next group.
- Give this missions statement to your leaders/teachers/teams. Communicate the vision. Encourage them to plan and prepare their worship sets to accomplish the mission that you've set.
- As you evaluate on an ongoing basis: weekly, monthly, quarterly, use the mission statement as the bar to check and see how you are progressing and developing kids in their understanding of and participation in worship.

Examples:

Preschool: We sing to Jesus because it's how we can show Jesus how much we love Him.

Elementary: To teach our kids that God is good and praising God is what we were created to do.

Preteen: To give the kids a foundation of why we worship and the importance of worship so that as they move on up to Middle school they aren't swayed by others lack of participation in worship but rather become the ones to influence others to worship.

12. I can't wait to see the harvest that comes from the seeds you plant. Go help kids experience God's presence in worship. May they taste and see that He is good so they hunger and thirst for more of Him!

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