

THE WHO, WHEN, WHERE, WHAT, HOW & WHY OF WORSHIP LEADING

WE SHOULD ASK THE QUESTIONS WHO, WHEN, WHERE, HOW, WHAT AND WHY!

I) WHO ARE WE LEADING?

WE ARE LEADING **PEOPLE LIKE US.**

- THE FIRST KEY IS TO MAKE A CONNECTION WITH THE PEOPLE. YOU ARE ALWAYS ABLE TO LEAD THE PEOPLE MORE SUCCESSFULLY WHEN YOU HAVE BUILT A RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM.
- DON'T GET SO CAUGHT UP IN THE WORSHIP THAT YOU FAIL TO SEE WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE AT.
- DON'T EMBARRASS THE PEOPLE PUBLICLY IN ANY WAY, OR REBUKE THEM IF THEY ARE NOT ENTERING IN.
- THE KEY TO LEADING PEOPLE IS TO BRING TOGETHER THE WAYS OF GOD WITH THE WAYS OF MAN.
- LEADING IN WORSHIP IS ABOUT **LEADING NOT PUSHING PEOPLE.** I CANNOT MAKE PEOPLE DO ANYTHING. IF YOU DRIVE OR TRY AND PUSH PEOPLE THEY'LL RESIST YOU. GATHER THEM INTO GOD'S PRESENCE.
- SUCCESS IN WORSHIP LEADING IS GETTING PEOPLE ONE STEP CLOSER TO GOD.

II) WHEN DO YOU START LEADING?

- START RIGHT ON TIME.
- BE CONFIDENT, DELIBERATE AND PUNCHY.
- COMMUNICATE WITH THE SENIOR PASTOR AS TO WHAT TIME FRAME YOU HAVE TO WORK IN. DON'T ABUSE YOUR PRIVILEGE OF LEADING. IF THE PASTOR SAYS YOU ARE TO LEAD FOR ONLY A CERTAIN TIME, RESPECT HIS REQUEST. DON'T EVER DECIDE TO LEAD LONGER BECAUSE YOU THINK YOU HAVE HEARD FROM GOD AND HE HASN'T.

III) WHERE ARE WE TAKING THE PEOPLE?

WE ARE TO TRY AND **BRING THEM TO A PLACE WHERE THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE BUT SURRENDER TO THE LORD.** WE ARE TO TAKE THEM ON A JOURNEY WITH THE FINAL DESTINATION BEING THE THRONEROOM.

AS LEADERS WE MUST SO CONNECT OUR LIVES WITH GOD THAT WE KNOW HIS HEART FOR A SERVICE. GOD IS KEEN TO GIVE US THE KEY TO A SERVICE SO WE NEED TO WAIT ON HIM FOR HIS MIND. AS WE DO, **HE WILL REVEAL WHAT DIRECTION TO TAKE AND THE SONGS WE SHOULD USE.**

IV) HOW DO WE LEAD PEOPLE?

- IT MUST COME FROM INSIDE US. WE ARE TO BE WORSHIPPERS OURSELVES AND LEAD BY EXAMPLE. WE MUST BE REAL.
- WE MUST BE OURSELVES AND WE MUST ENJOY OURSELVES WHEN WE ARE LEADING.
- ALWAYS SEEK FOR A FLOW IN WORSHIP, NOT STOP-START.
- WE MUST CAST THE ANOINTING OVER PEOPLE IN A WAY THAT REFLECTS OUR PERSONALITY AND GIFTING. RECOGNISE YOUR TOTAL DEPENDENCE ON GOD AND DON'T TRY AND CREATE THINGS OUT OF YOUR OWN STRENGTH.
- WE MUST LEAD PEOPLE OUT OF OUR SPIRIT. IN OTHER WORDS, FROM WHAT GOD HAS PUT IN OUR LIVES THAT WE CAN USE TO IMPACT OTHERS. BE PREPARED TO CHANGE DIRECTION DURING THE PRAISE AND WORSHIP TIME IF THE LORD INTIMATES TO DO SO BY HIS SPIRIT. IF GOD IS WORKING IN A PARTICULAR SONG, DON'T FEEL YOU'VE GOT TO MOVE ON TO USE UP THE SONGS YOU'VE SELECTED.
- LEAD STRONGLY AND WITH AUTHORITY. YOUR INTROS TO SONGS SHOULD ALWAYS BE STRONG BUT THEN BACK OFF AND LET THE PEOPLE WORSHIP WITHOUT PUSHING THEM.
- WHEN ENTERING INTO TIMES OF FREE WORSHIP, LEAD OUT STRONGLY THEN LET THE PEOPLE EXPRESS THEIR OWN LOVE TO GOD. DON'T FORCE THE SONG OF THE LORD IF IT ISN'T HAPPENING.

- DON'T BE AFRAID OF MISTAKES. IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE OR THE MUSICIANS MESS UP AND MAKE YOU LOOK BAD, DON'T LET IT EFFECT YOUR LEADING FOR THE REST OF THE SERVICE.

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- DON'T LET THE LOOKS OR REACTIONS OF CERTAIN PEOPLE WITHIN THE CONGREGATION DISCOURAGE YOU.

REMEMBER, *YOU CANNOT ASK PEOPLE TO DO SOMETHING OR GO SOMEWHERE WHERE YOU HAVEN'T BEEN YOURSELVES.*

- ALWAYS **INSPIRE AND MOTIVATE WITH THE POSITIVE.** DON'T PREACH.
- GIVE SIMPLE, EASY TO FOLLOW SIGNALS TO THE MUSICIANS AND SINGERS. MAKE SURE YOUR SIGNALS ARE NOT TOO DEMONSTRATIVE.

V) WHAT DO WE USE WHEN WE LEAD?

IT'S NOT WHAT WE HAVEN'T GOT BUT WHAT WE HAVE GOT THAT IS IMPORTANT. REMEMBER WHEN PICKING SONGS THAT **THEY ARE ONLY TOOLS THAT HELP TO BUILD PICTURES INSIDE OF PEOPLE.** A GOOD PLACE TO START IS TO PICK SONGS THAT GLORIFY JESUS.

- TRY AND CHOOSE SONGS THAT ARE GOING TO RELEASE WHAT YOU FEEL GOD IS WANTING TO SAY. SOME SONGS WILL BRING RELEASE, SOME SONGS WILL BRING FAITH, SOME WILL BRING PEACE ETC.
- DON'T STICK TO THE SAME REPETITIOUS SONGS WEEK AFTER WEEK.
- DON'T BE NERVOUS OF SILENCE.
- DON'T WASTE TOO MUCH TIME ON WHAT I CALL PRELIMINARY SONGS SO THAT YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO SPEND ON THE PARTICULAR SONG GOD HAS PLACED ON YOUR HEART FOR THE SERVICE.
- CONTACT THE WORSHIP PASTOR OR MUSIC DIRECTOR WITH YOUR LIST OF SONGS IN ENOUGH TIME PRIOR TO THE REHEARSAL SO THAT MUSIC AND WORDS FOR SINGERS CAN BE READY.

- IF THERE IS A NEW SONG YOU WISH TO DO, GIVE THE MUSIC DIRECTOR PLENTY OF NOTICE SO THAT HE CAN ORGANISE MUSIC ETC.
- IN YOUR WORSHIP LIST FOR A PARTICULAR SERVICE, DON'T USE TOO MANY NEW SONGS OR SONGS THAT THE CONGREGATION AREN'T ALL THAT FAMILIAR WITH.
- DON'T FORGET YOU'VE GOT THE MUSICIANS AND SINGERS TO SUPPORT YOU IN YOUR LEADING. DON'T CONDUCT OR DRIVE THEM.

VI) WHY DO WE WORSHIP?

BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN CREATED AS WORSHIPPERS OF ALMIGHTY GOD. **WHAT WE WORSHIP WE BECOME LIKE.** WE LEAD PEOPLE IN WORSHIP TO BRING THEM INTO INTIMACY WITH GOD AND TO PREPARE THEM TO RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD.