



Beacon Church Cell Group Resource: WORSHIP IDEAS

ENSURE WORSHIP IN CELL TRULY BRINGS JESUS TO THE FOREFRONT.

MUSICAL WORSHIP:

(With or without instruments)

It is helpful to identify someone who can lead the technical side to the musical worship i.e start the song in the right key or through musical accompaniment. This person can work alongside the worship leader.

CD's can be very helpful - choose songs people know in terms of lyrics and melody.

There is a time and place for contemplative worship and here using CD's as an aid can be useful, though remember there is a difference between contemplative and introspective. It can be helpful to conclude such a time by asking people to respond with short prayers of thanks for what they've been meditating on and thus move from contemplation to worship.

Orderly worship :

- For example, start with '*Entering his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise*' (Psalm 100) through prayer/ reading scripture/ singing praise. One idea is to meditate on Scripture i.e Psalms and use it to fuel your worship through prayer or writing a prayer.
- Invite the Holy Spirit to presence himself among you in a tangible way.
- Select 'objective praise' songs - singing songs TO God, declaring truth and singing about his character. Encourage people to pray/ read scriptures/ start a song/ sing spontaneous songs to God... Psalm 149.1 "...Sing to the Lord a new song..."
- Move into an 'intimate' time of worship but be careful not to focus inwardly on ourselves as this can cause introspectiveness.
- Allow time for the PROPHETIC - words/ pictures/ songs.
- Respond to the prophetic - in cooperate prayer/ paired prayer/ individually.

Song choice:

As mentioned above it is helpful to begin with objective 'non specific praise'. These kinds of songs are less directional and just fix our eyes on Jesus without focusing us on any other area of the Christian life.

Choose songs that raise our gaze off ourselves and focus them onto our wonderful heavenly Father and King Jesus.

NON-MUSICAL WORSHIP:

- Write and share your own Psalms:
 - Choose a selection of Psalms and ask each person to spend time asking God to highlight a particular verse or section. After a while come back together and share what God has said encouraging each person to thank God for the things he has revealed.
- Focus on an aspect of God's character or one of His names(*see "*Incomparable*"), using



Scripture and experiences to help. Use this to write a prayer and read them out around the group.

- Testimonies and subsequent response.
- Be creative - for example, a Power-Point presentation of God's creation with a soundtrack behind i.e Chris Tomlin's "*Indescribable*". Then move into a time of response and thanksgiving.
- Stuart Townend book "*50 Worship Ideas for Small Groups*" is a great resource for ideas.
- The book "*Incomparable*" by Andrew Wilson is a great spring-board for worship ideas(*)

COMMUNION:

- Cuts to the chase: Straight to the cross and Christ's sacrifice for us
- Encourages close fellowship and community.
- Don't skip through it; encourage reflection on the enormity of what we're remembering (remember 1 Cor 11's exhortation to conduct the Lord's Supper in right heart, examining ourselves as we commune with Him and with each other).
- Allow room for response and Gifts of the Spirit.
- Use it as a time of reflection but also celebration of God's victory over death. Communion is meant to be a celebration, not a funeral wake!
- Minister to each other i.e in pairs to pray a blessing over each other.