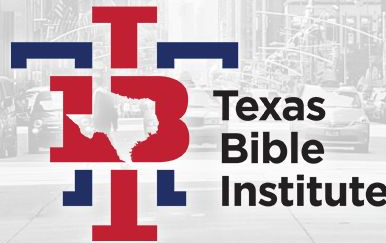


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Praise and Worship

Leading and Learning:
The Practicals of Worship and Team Leading

Our Assignment

- Praise **plows the soil** of our hearts so that we are prepared to receive the **Word of God**.
- When we **confess the Word** through singing, **our faith rises** to the level of that confession.
- Our congregational worship is intended to help inspire us to a **consistent life of worship** all week long.
- Worship prepares us by **softening** our hearts and **sensitizing** our spirits, so that when God moves, we know it.

Doing Our Part

- Be a **worshiper!**
- **Keep it clean:** Your heart. Your life.
- **Know your stuff.** Do not be the one who doesn't know the words.
- **Know their stuff.** Understand what you're expecting from the other instruments.
- Leading worship is a **LEARNED** ability.

Be a Blessing to the Team

- Have times of **worship with your team!**
- **Pray with your team!** Pre-Service prayer unites the team to focus on ministering to the Lord, not just playing music. This invites Jesus, the Anointed One, to do far more than we can ourselves.
- We need to **avoid hurrying** before the service. Your team will thank you. Prepare as early as you need to so that you can carry peace.
- A leader must lead both with **HANDS** and **VOICE**.
- Worship in **one key** if you can.

Be a Blessing to Yourself

- **Honor your pastors** and encourage them often.
- **Communicate** with your pastors and leadership. They have a direction and you're on the same team.
- Worship with your **eyes open AND closed**.
- Be **ready** with a chorus or hymn to fit into **every** situation.
- Find some **subtle** ways to signal to your team.

Be a Blessing to Yourself

- **Check your pride** at the door.
- Don't carry **false pressure**.
 - God's river is always **flowing**.
 - His river is the **Holy Spirit**.
 - We must move **with the Holy Spirit** and get in stream.
 - Which way is the **Holy Spirit flowing**?

Be a Blessing to the Body

- **Smile!**
- **Don't try to be someone else** as a leader or a team. It will sound bad naturally and spiritually.
- Introduce new songs **slowly**.
- **Sing about Jesus!** Sing the Word.
- Follow Holy Spirit, but using songs with **simple lyrics** often allows our **hearts to focus** and be open.

Be a Blessing to the Body

- **Know the body.** Bring energy for those who need energy.
 - Choose songs to **lift** and give life.
 - **Honor the hymns** to bring in your seasoned saints.
 - Add songs with **motions and gestures** for children to engage.
- Whatever the ages or stages, **invite the people to go for it** in worship. Do not assume they're too young, too old, or too new to following Jesus to experience His power.

Be a Blessing to the Body

- **4 areas** that are closely related, and should be a part of your culture:
 - Praise
 - Worship
 - Prayer
 - Thanksgiving

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