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Tips for worship leaders (from Kerry)

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- What is worship? It is when we give to God what he is worth – “worth-ship” -rather than us expecting to get something from Him – though that usually happens anyway when our worship is worthy.
- God wants us to prepare for an encounter with him. Ex 19:10-11 tells us of the importance of preparing for worship – in this passage the Lord gives Israel several days to prepare. Remember, it is the holy God whom we worship.
- How can/do we prepare? Read the Word, pray; ask Him to prepare us for worship.
- Structure the service as a progression to meeting God at the Lord’s Table. Begin by calling the church to worship with an appropriate psalm and lead into songs/prayers expressing praise – preparing the heart to meet with God. As we draw nearer to God through praise, it reminds us of our unworthiness to approach Him, and prayers of confession/repentance will follow naturally – a time to get ourselves right with God and with each other. Follow with hymns/choruses of thanksgiving for what the Lord has done and as a prelude to the Lord’s Table.
- When the table is completed, the church is then prepared to come to God through ministry of the word – preaching, teaching, reading aloud, building up the church, etc.
- Include prayer – lots of it for each other and the wider church – for governments and all those in authority as urged in 1 Timothy.
- Consider building your service around a shared fellowship meal.
- Announcements can interrupt the flow of worship – maybe having them at the beginning prior to worship or at the end is a better option.
- Consider learning new songs/choruses outside the service – either before or after the service or at another time altogether. Learning a new song during worship can break the flow of worship. Perhaps only introduce a new song during the service if you have a capable choir to lead the body in the new song. Consider handing out the words the week before and encourage the people to become familiar with them..

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