

C. WHAT IS A WORSHIP LEADER?

Worship is the act of responding to God's revelation of His infinite worth.

A worshiper is one who spends their whole life seeking, finding, and responding to God's revelation of His infinite worth.

A worship leader is a worshiper who is called, gifted, and yielded to the privilege of leading others in responding to God's revelation of His infinite worth.

We lead the people of God in worship:

1. By Example**Exodus 33:8-10**

"Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp.

"Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise up, and each would stand at his tent door, and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent.

"When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the LORD would speak with Moses.

"And when all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise up and worship, each at his tent door."

- Moses went to the tent of meeting to seek the Lord. The presence of God came visibly as Moses worshipped Him. As people saw the presence of Lord revealed, they worshipped Him also.
- We should be genuinely worshiping, not just playing and singing, as we lead on a Sunday morning. The Lord inhabits the praises of His people – as we worship, His presence begins to fill the atmosphere.
- So, even though people may come in just watching us, not so much thinking about their own relationship with and nearness to the Lord (just like the Israelites in their own tent doors watching Moses meet with the Lord) – as they perceive the presence of God, they begin to enter into worship as well.

2. By Invitation**Psalm 34: 1-3**

“I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord, let the humble hear and be glad. Oh magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!”

- *“I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.”*

I’m not here to ask you to do something I’m not doing. Example, again, but of my **life** (“continually”) as a worshiper, not just our Sunday morning service activity.

- *“My soul makes its boast in the Lord.”*

I am not here as a performer, showing off my gift and talent, boasting in myself. I’m praising the Lord, boasting in Him and His greatness.

- *“Let the humble hear and be glad.”*

Others who have humble hearts, who are looking for God, are glad to hear someone magnifying Him.

- *“Oh magnify the Lord with me, let us exalt his name together.”*

We invite them to join with us in worshiping and honoring the Lord.

3. By Instruction

I Chron. 29:20

“Then David said to all the assembly, ‘Bless the Lord your God.’ And all the assembly blessed the Lord, the God of their fathers, and bowed their heads and paid homage to the Lord and to the king.”

- David instructed the people to worship – *“Bless the Lord your God.”*
- They worshipped – *“All the congregation blessed the Lord God.”*

Psalms 147:1, 7, 12;

“Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God.”

“Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!”

“Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!”

- We should only attempt to instruct people to worship when we’ve invited them to worship with us and they’ve accepted the invitation.
- It’s right for us to invite them to worship **with** us, not instead of us, or in spite of us!

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