

Worship Resources

Three things to consider when preparing for worship and speakers.

1. Know your audience

This is one thing a lot of people get wrong. It is great that there is certain music that you like, but you may want to ask yourself, will the crowd I am trying to minister too, appreciate and engage in this worship? We all worship differently, but remember this worship is geared for a younger generation.

2. Be Prepared

Look ahead and know how much time you have, do not attempt to just throw something together. If your church band is going to do the worship let them know ahead of time so they can practice. Also, give them a set list of age appropriate songs to choose from. There is no theology about this, do not let legalism stand-in the way of the gospel to the next generation. Bringing in a band is a great option for these reasons above.

3. Just because it worked then, doesn't mean it will work now.

The generations below us are ever changing, whether we like it or not. This means new generations require new strategies. We need to be careful when we are programming worship or anything with camp, we need to keep our focus on what is best for the people we are reaching.

Hiring a Worship Band

- When hiring a Worship Band, most of them will not give you a number on what to pay them, this does NOT mean you don't have to pay them.
- On average most bands cost \$1,000 a day plus room and board to operate. That means if they come in on a Friday and leave on a Saturday you should pay them \$2,000.
- I know this sounds expensive, but remember you get what you pay for. If you can not afford this much, or however much it would cost you, most bands will negotiate or tell you they can't come. Please don't use this a bargaining tool like a swap and shop. Remember they are working for the Kingdom and their time is valuable.
- Be up front and honest with them and give them the top number of your budget for a band, assuming you have thought through your whole budget.
- After you have a band hired, give them a detailed itinerary of your event and the specific times you expect them to be ready to play and the amount of time they will play each session. Also, be sure to allow plenty of time to set up, and time to practice. This means they get the whole room for that time.
- Prepare a place for them to stay and arrange meals (the meals can be at the church during the event).

Using Your Churches Band

- If you choose to use your Church's band, they deserve the same respect and attention to detail as you would give if you were hiring a band.
- If you can, pay each band member day wages, for going above and beyond their time to help out. They may not accept, that's ok, try anyways. We are called to be good stewards of all things.
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- This one is important. Remember your audience, ask them what worship music they like. Camps are for our younger generation not for us, so that means we don't have to like the music for it to still honor God.
- The truth is the students didn't show up for the worship and that is fine, but this doesn't give us an excuse for it to be bad.
- If you need to, give your band a list of songs that would be suitable for your event.
- Excellence and simplicity go hand and hand, simplicity is not an excuse not to be excellent.

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