

Youth Worship Team - PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY

Purpose of the Worship Team:

The primary purpose of any Worship Team is to give glory to our Lord, the Creator of Heaven and Earth. He is the Alpha and Omega, the God of the Universe who is to be the center of our lives. He is worthy of all of our worship and in our church. The worship team leader and members have the awesome responsibility to help *create an atmosphere in which people can be led by the Holy Spirit into an encounter with God.*

Working together, we each have a part. Everyone needs to do their part and “work together as a team”. Music, together with the reinforcement of the spoken message, scripture reading, drama, visual arts, and media; all become part of the visible ministering arts aside from our individual worship.

Matthew 28:19-20 says:

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Philippians 2:3-4 says:

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Ministry should not be a responsibility that is taken lightly, nor with mediocrity. We want to bring God the best we have – that is what we call excellence. In the context of a worship team, excellence would include all of the talents and skills He has blessed us with, time devoted to rehearsals, practicing and learning at home, and leading worship services with a genuine heart to glorify God.

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Worship Philosophy:

Music is an essential part of worship. **Psalm 81:1-4** says, *“Sing praises to God, our strength. Sing to the God of Jacob. Sing! Beat the tambourine. Play the sweet lyre and the harp. Blow the ram’s horn at new moon, and again at full moon to call a festival! For this is required by the decrees of Israel; it is a regulation of the God of Jacob” (NLT)*. Music is something that is not only encouraged for worship in the Bible, but it is commanded. It is a very valuable tool for leading people into worship. But worship music should never be thought of as the entirety of worship itself. Worship is to be an expression of love and praise toward God that comes out from our entire lives, not just our songs. *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship” (Romans 12:1 NIV)*. We are to live our lives for the glory of God – this is true worship. Everything we do is either an act of worship or an act of idolatry. The truth is, many people tend to view music as the only form of worship we offer to God.

We sing songs and worship God, and then we go home and live our lives like normal. But this is not what God has commanded. Everything we do can be worship. If we wash the dishes or walk the dog to the glory of God, even that is our offering of worship. Serving others is our worship of God. Serving others is our reflection of Christ’s heart in our lives. Our purpose as a worship team in the wide spectrum of community worship is to glorify God in our gatherings and events, and to *create an atmosphere in which people can be led by the Holy Spirit into an encounter with God*. At the same time, our worship offered as a Worship Team is not just during worship gatherings. The very acts of submitting our talents to God, serving others in worship, and practicing at home are worship.