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Engage!

A Worship Team Workshop

Philosophy

I've been up front since I was a kid. Whether performing, speaking or leading worship, I've learned something about me - I *engage* people. My ability to connect is my most consistent feedback. My leadership style is a dynamic one. Partly because that's who I am. Yet more so, because I want those in front of me to come along.

There should be no wall between who's up front and who's "out there". It's my job as a leader to reach out and connect. I want my words, actions and countenance to be a compelling invitation to not observe but participate. I get to point people to God. Wow. I aspire to do so with passion and humility, with authority and transparency.

That's *engaging* worship. And I love to help develop this in other musicians and leaders.

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It's pretty simple, actually. When musicians get together, things happen. It's the nature of artistic collaboration. We learn and grow from each other, especially through interaction.

- Who** for singers & musicians (worship teams, soloists, vocal groups, bands)
- What** a hands-on, interactive session where we observe, critique, coach and equip in the arenas of leadership, communication and musicianship. 60-90 minutes
- When** before or after a concert/worship service

A session typically goes like this:

1. Observe

Attendees come prepared to perform a song. With multiple attendees, I'll take volunteers to perform as time allows, yet all attendees participate through observation and interaction.

2. Critique

Everyone has strengths as well as areas needing improvement. In a safe, positive environment that I help establish, we'll constructively encourage and critique. I utilize my musicians, all of which are professionals who love to serve other musicians. Yet everyone is a part of the process! We'll cover arenas such as:

- Communication (verbal, non-verbal)
- Stage presence/movement
- Musicianship

3. Coach

Once we identify things to develop, then they'll try it again! Exercises to move out of comfort zones and try things in various ways are quite effective in helping people relax, have fun and develop.



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