



CALLS TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADING

WHAT AND WHY

A call to worship is a well thought out exhortation rooted in Scripture and helps to center people's hearts on worshipping God. We are not the ones "calling" - He is. A call to worship helps encourage our congregations to lay their burdens at the feet of Jesus and truly adore Him.

CONTEXT/CONTENT

What to consider when planning your call to worship:

- What is the demographic of the congregation and what has been going on that may affect them?
- How has the congregation been responding to calls to worship? How frequently are they given?
- Some elements you might include are scripture reading, prayer reading, exhortations, and introductions to new songs.

LENGTH/LOCATION

To maintain engagement, shoot for 90 seconds at most unless you are also incorporating a different element such as responsive prayer or corporate scripture reading. Depending on where your call to worship is in the set, you may need to adjust your content.

TENSIONS

- A great call to worship should correlate with the theme of the message but doesn't repeat exactly what the message will say or use the same scripture.
- Your call to worship can be personal, but the focus should not be on you.
- Your call to worship should be rich in its content, but it should be easy for your congregation to understand and follow along.

PREPARATION

Calls to worship need to be prepared in advance and prayerfully considered! Give yourself time to practice and read scripture regularly to help craft meaningful and helpful moments.

