

INTRO

1. Growth in Godliness

- Most Fundamental of all 5 of the Core Values

- Bob Kauflin & The Christian Musician
 - We must be a Christian before we can be a Christian Musician

- **“...if you do not worship God 7 days a week, you do not worship Him on one day a week. There is no such thing known in Heaven as Sunday worship unless it is accompanied by Monday worship and Tuesday worship and so on.... ”**
 - **A.W. Tozer, *Tozer on Worship and Entertainment*, pg. 9**

- *Ten Questions to Diagnose Your Spiritual Health* by Donald Whitney
 - Do You Thirst For God?
 - Are You Governed Increasingly by God’s Word?
 - Are You More Loving?
 - Are you More Sensitive to God’s Presence?
 - Do You Have a Growing Sense of the Spiritual and Temporal Needs of Others?
 - Do You Delight in the Bride of Christ?
 - Are the Spiritual Disciplines Increasingly Important to You?
 - Do You Still Grieve Over Sin?
 - Are You a Quicker Forgiver?
 - Do You Yearn For Heaven and to Be With Jesus?

- What are we shooting for?
 - **“What we want ... is a team that can look the congregation in the eye and lead them toward worship out of the context of personal lives that are a fragrant offering to God, lives that are genuinely aimed at pleasing Him, putting off sin and putting on godliness day by day as we grow in Christlikeness.”** - Matt Mason, *email to worship team*

 - Firm doesn’t equal perfect.

 - **"Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, *desiring* to act honorably in all things."** - Heb 13:18-19

2. Natural Expressiveness in Worship

- Scripture, especially the Psalms, **encourages** us to respond to God with our bodies.
 - Singing: **Psalm 47:6**
 - “Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!”
 - Lifting Hands: **Psalm 134:2**
 - “Lift up your hands to the Holy Place and Bless the Lord.”
 - Dancing: **Psalm 150:4**
 - “Praise Him with tambourines and dance...”
 - Shouting: **Psalm 33:3**
 - “Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.”
 - Clapping: **Psalm 47:1**
 - “Clap your hands, all peoples. Shout to God with loud songs of joy.”
 - Bowing Down: **Psalm 95:6**
 - “O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before our Maker.”
- Gauging our Expressiveness
 - When people see you worshiping God, are they encouraged to worship Him too?
 - Do they see you being affected by the truth that you’re singing?
 - Does your countenance and body language say that you’re amazed at God?
- Teaching and Admonishing
 - **“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”** - Colossians 3:16
- **“It’s the overflow of a forgiven soul. Now we see You God. Our hearts cannot stay silent!”**
 - – Matt Redman, *Dancing Generation*

3. Humility

- Hold loosely your desire to use your musical gifts
 - My unexpected, Applebees heart check
 - Submit yourself to the overall need of the church, not only your personal preference.
- Give/Receive Encouragement & Correction
 - The IHOP discourses
 - Ideas for Worship Leaders/Musicians
 - How can I better serve you and your vision for the night?
 - Are there any songs that you think would benefit the group?
 - Do I do too many new songs?
 - Can I improve at sharing scripture, song selection, lingering times, memorizing words, following CG Leader’s direction, arriving on time to CG, being prepared, etc.?
 - Ideas for CG Leaders
 - Share specific observations that will both refine and encourage
 - How can you help the worship leader serve more effectively, feel more comfortable?

4. Church Involvement

- **“As Christians we’re called to be imitators of God (Ephesians 5:1). We’re to be conformed to the image of His Son (Romans 8:29). Can there be any question that part of being like Jesus is to love what He loves? Christians often speak of wanting God’s heart for the poor or the lost. And these are good desires. But shouldn’t we also want God’s heart for the church? If Jesus loves the church, you and I should too. It’s that simple.”** – Josh Harris, *Stop Dating the Church*, pg.31

- How can cultivate a passion for the Church?
 - Be engaged during the weekend sermon.
 - Take notes.
 - Listen intently.
 - Attend Saturday Morning Prayer.
 - Respond to ministry times when you’re convicted or in need of prayer.
 - This goes for CG, Youth, & Pivot as well.
 - Do you attend and intend to meet with God?
 - Participate in a Covenant Group.
 - Very fundamental, but we must see the value.
 - You’ll find many opportunities there to practice these Core Values.
 - Look for opportunities to serve in non-musical ways.
 - **“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”** (NIV) - 1 Peter 4:10
 - Easiest – open standing invitation to help with Setup/Teardown on Sat & Sun
 - Especially young musicians
 - Children’s Ministry
 - Book Nook
 - Care Team Opportunities
 - If you ever wonder, just ask someone

- **“Wherever you are, be all there. Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be the will of God.”**
– Jim Elliot

5. Stewardship & Skill

- The Big Question: How much skill is enough?
 - Weekend Team requires the most amount of skill
 - Most difficult arrangements/team dynamics
 - Must be able to think quickly, be spontaneous/improvisational
 - Being a CG Worship Leader doesn't require as much skill
 - Keep a steady rhythm
 - Know basic chords
 - Pursue the Core Values

- Created musically unequal
 - Just because you have a heart to serve and a desire to play doesn't automatically mean you get to serve in the worship ministry

- How do you become a better musician?
 - Study Chord books
 - Take Lessons
 - Jam with other musicians
 - Ask guys who are better than you how to get better
 - Buy new CDs
 - Have a Regular Practice time

We want YOU!!

Again, we're not looking for perfection in these 5 categories. Just active pursuit...

1. Someone who's healthy and growing in godliness.
2. Someone who demonstrates a genuine engagement with God in worship.
3. Someone holding his passion to play loosely & able to give and receive correction and input
4. Someone who loves the church and is committed to THIS church in particular
5. Someone who is able to play his instrument or sing without being a distraction

What's Next?

- What should I expect to accomplish in CG worship?
- How do I pick songs?
- How do I leave room for lingering and prophetic ministry?
- How do I play an F2 chord?