

## Putting Shoes on CG Worship Ministry

### Intro: the serving spectrum

- The gifts and callings related to this ministry exist on a spectrum:
  - *Instrumental accompanist* - play an instrument and sing as you're able
  - *Vocal accompanist* – help the group come into the chorus on time and in the right key.
  - *Lead worship from instrument* – higher level of responsibility for singing portion of the meeting
  - *Previous + broader functions of leadership* – only by invitation from CG leader, given after proven character, gifting and faithfulness is demonstrated. This may involve something like sharing a brief exhortation in context of worship.

### The Small Beginnings

- On a scale of 1-10, let's say this is a 1...
  - I'm a believer
  - I'm seeking by God's grace to put sin to death and put on godliness
  - I can play D, G, C, Em on my guitar or piano
    - I can keep a beat on a hard surface.
- Where do I go from here?

### Some hands-on basics

- Keep growing spiritually.

*The Enemy Within*, Kris Lundgaard

*The Christian Life*, Sinclair Ferguson

*The Discipline of Grace*, Jerry Bridges

*Humility*, C.J. Mahaney

*Worship In Spirit and Truth*, John Frame

*The Beginner's Guide to Spiritual Gifts*, Sam Storms

*Why Small Groups*, C.J. Mahaney

- Get a chord book and some musical training videos.  
<http://www.leadworship.com/resources/dvds.html>

- Get worship song chord charts (coming soon!) and practice.
- Practice singing and playing at the same time.

So you've been asked to serve, this coming Monday night...

## 7 Habits to Cultivate: Practical essentials for CG worship ministry

### 1. Listen attentively to the sermon.

- Think: What points stood out for personal application and how those points relate to the gospel?
- Think: What songs would help posture us to respond to the truths presented in the message?

### 2. Communicate with your CG leader.

- Is there a particular direction you're leaning towards for the evening?
- A ministry time at any point?
- Any particular songs you'd like me to incorporate? A theme to reinforce?
- Do you want a full set at the beginning or will we do something more extended at the end?

### 3. Prayerfully consider what songs would serve best.

- We'll talk more on choosing songs, diversifying the diet, creating flow, growing in spontaneity over next two classes.
- Plan the list, but don't marry the plan.
- Think through transitions
- Is there any place that might work best for leaving space for free singing, expressions of spiritual gifts or other ministry?

### 4. Pray and ask for God's help.

- Don't rely on your own strength or gifting.

**5. Be anxious for nothing.**

- Our fears are inverted wants.
- Ask God for a heart simply to serve and to do so humbly.

**6. Worship God!**

- Few things dampen SG worship more than a leader who looks miserable, confused, or otherwise disengaged.

**7. Pursue feedback.**

- You're not looking for props, you want to grow.

**Forward-looking**

- Most of these ideals will be realized as you grow through serving your group.
  
- Ministry fruitfulness is more organic than mechanic.
  - Patience, investment, cultivation
  
- God gives the gifts. He opens the doors. It's ours to steward those gifts, have them evaluated, and to humbly seek opportunities to use them.
  
- As we pursue these things together...
  - God is being exalted. His people are being strengthened. His presence is being experienced. This is what worship ministry is all about!