

Worship Leader Commitments:

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Infusing Culture: As worship leaders we are the culture of our church (the gathering of people), and its services. We are either positive or negative, encouraging or discouraging. We either come with expectation or we don't and the atmosphere is taken down because of us. Even though life can be down right difficult we always need to come ready realizing that it's about God's glory and remember that Jesus defeated death, Jesus is alive and seated at the right hand of God right now; interceding for us! When we bring this confidence in the message of the gospel it births worship, it beckons praise, lives are changed, people are set free. God wants people to encounter Him, our job is to serve people, and help them connect with Him. We can serve His purposes by remaining in His love, staying in close relationship with the Lord, and remembering that Jesus lives even when we might feel a little down.

Prepare to Communicate: Kingsway leadership has expressed the desire to be intentional about the words spoken during our services. We want to get behind them on this and make sure that what we say from the platform lines up with God's word. Then we'll know it is truth, and we can speak it in love. We are worship leaders; we're not there to give a message, but we can use the moments before or between songs to share a little about *Who*, *what*, and *why* we are singing these praises. Look for opportunities to make the music more than a song and find ways to connect it with our people. Use scriptures and link them to the lyrics, so later when we sing those words - meaning, emotion, weight and truth is already loaded into them. It can even be as simple as finding the most meaningful lyric in the song and saying "*the song we're about to sing says this...*" and leverage the hard work the songwriter has already put into those lyrics. It is also a good idea to bring a script. Pray and write down everything you're hoping to say in these moments, not just the scriptures. While you might not end up reading it word for word, it will certainly help you in being intentional, prepared, and in articulating your words clearly. It doesn't need to be difficult, just grab a lyric and scripture and build on that.

Engagement: A good worship leader should be continuously mindful of what is happening in the room, flexible to make a change, and intuitive to connect with people. Some people are never going to sing. While you can get some information based on how engaged the congregation is, as a leader you should only evaluate yourself based on how engaged you are, how diligent and committed you are, and how prepared you are.