



# WORSHIP PLANNING FOR THE PASTOR

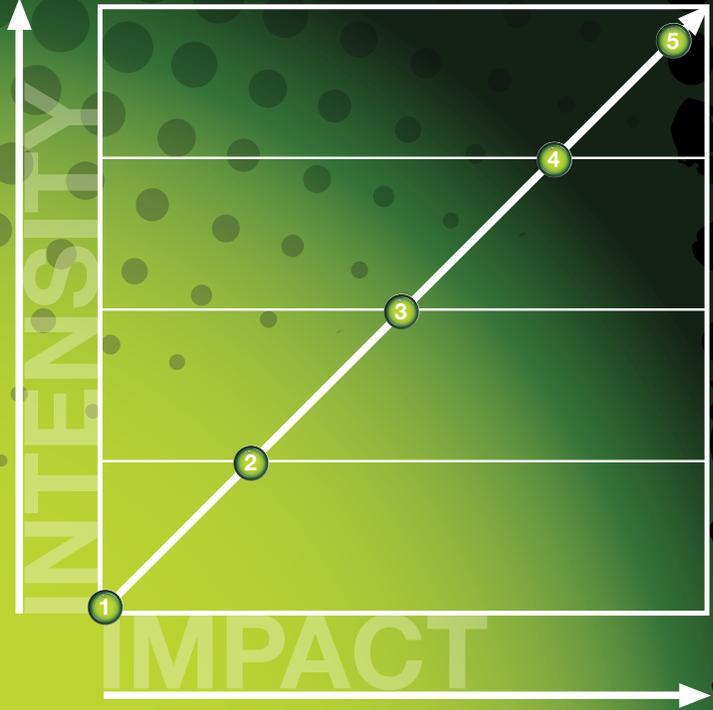
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In many churches, worship services are led by a part-time or volunteer person. This person may be highly devoted but may find it difficult to put in the time and find the resources needed to increase the level of participation and celebration in the corporate worship experience. In these cases, the pastor can take a more active and strategic role in revitalizing worship. Ultimately, the pastor should be the “lead worshiper” in the church.

## Through this design guide, you will:

- Discover a process to lead the church to understand the true meaning of worship.
- Evaluate current church worship practices for participation and impact.
- Understand how to use a planning to team to create powerful worship experiences.
- Help people in attendance to personally engage in worship and seek to have a personal encounter with God.

### **Level 1: Find Clarity on a Definition of Worship**

- The pastor should develop a study related to Biblical principles for true worship.
- Spend time sharing key principles with church leaders.
- Seek affirmation from leadership on the principles that guide the church in worship practices.
- Communicate the principles to the church body, seeking agreement that these principles will define appropriate worship practices in the church.

### **Level 2: Meet with a Worship Planning Team**

- Evaluate 3 months (or more) of worship bulletins/orders of service.
- Evaluate past services according to the principles that have been identified in level one.
- Share ideas for adjustments that will bring what happens in worship services in greater alignment with the identified worship principles.
- Create a priority list of action steps with “Intensity vs. Impact” in mind.

### **Level 3: Plan and Lead a Series of Services**

- With the team, work to plan one month of Sunday morning services.
- Using the priority list, select one noticeable change that will highlight one or more of the principles for worship.

- Increase the prominence of prayer in the service.
- Commit an entire month to leading people to engage in worship in some significantly different way.

### **Level 4: Continue to Increase Variety in Worship**

- Purpose to help worship service attenders seek an experience with God rather than an experience with a certain worship style or practice.
- Consider all aspects of worship: songs, prayer, environment, testimonies, video, scripture, and even the order of service.
- Work through additional items identified in the priority list compiled in level 2.

### **Level 5: Ongoing Celebrative Worship**

- Worship planning team should continue to work to plan services that focus on Biblical principles.
- Planning team should continue to value diversity and seek to involve more people, representing all age groups in the church, in worship leadership in some capacity.
- Make personal engagement with God and leading people to participation in worship a priority in each worship service.

For specific information about implementing the recommendations listed here, download the complete version of the “Worship Planning for the Pastor” design guide at [www.revitalizearkansas.com](http://www.revitalizearkansas.com).