

COMMON MISTAKES IN WORSHIP SERVICES THAT DO NOT NEED TO HAPPEN 😊

GENERAL APPROACH

- Not planning on guests or being sensitive to them—using home team names...theological jargon....in-house jokes
- Not planning the specifics of the service, and talking
- Not caring about “timing” of comments
- Too showy or slick
- Starting and ending late
- Not urging leaders to sit toward front and in middle
- Not planning minutes

WORSHIP TEAMS

- Watching their screen or stands way too much
- Singing with blandness and nonchalance
- Singing badly. Select because...
- Immodest or inappropriate dress
- Having all women
- Having distracting appearance
- Having no purpose for them

BEFORE SERVICE BEGINS

- Not praying as a staff
- Not greeting people as they come (or only at doors)
- Inappropriate mood or actions

'INGREDIENTS'

- Omitting pastoral prayer constantly
- No worship prayers
- Allowing palaver
- Not involving the people in prayers
- Pastor avoiding leadership decisions on worship
- No common theme ever
- No passion or joy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Giving out only facts, not emotions and feelings
- Not interviewing people now and then
- Nor "shoving" or "preaching some announcements"
- Giving too many of them (3 or 4 max)

SERMONS

- Putting it over their heads
- Putting it under their hearts

- Not exposing the Scriptures
- Not holding up the Bible
- Not enough “windows”
- Too long
- Inability to land the airplane
- Omitting the cross or not bringing them to Christ
- Just being “okay” (the four levels)
- Too light or flippant

ENDING OF THE SERVICE

- Being abrupt or cold—“goodbye”
- Forgetting to say how to connect sometimes
- Not providing a chance to respond (several ways)
- Total change of pace or mood or pastoral leader

POST SERVICE

- Neglecting guests totally—people and leaders
- Not trying various ways to connect—cards, reception, calls, people, desserts, etc.
- Not teaching leaders the “three-minute rule”
- I Corinthians 4:7