

# Culture of a Worshipping Team

As members of the Crosspoint worship ministry, we seek to be individual worshippers who join together in our *devotion to Jesus, dedication to one another, and drive to reach others with the gospel*. While our primary method of worship together is through music, our ultimate aim is God's glory and our enjoyment of him in all things. That being said, this document focuses on how we live out our 3D vision in the music ministry at Crosspoint.

## **1. We will live in dependence upon the gospel as we Devote ourselves to Jesus in song.**

Christ and the gospel are the reason we exist and the reason song exists. The gospel is the power of God for salvation, and those who have been saved have reason to sing. And because the gospel is revealed to us in Scripture, the Word of God will dwell richly in our songs, both in word and concept, as we use music to magnify Jesus and teach one another the rich truths of the gospel. We will seek to exalt Jesus above ourselves as we testify to the gospel of God's grace through song. Our demeanor on stage will be a reflection of the overwhelming joy we have in Christ, our gospel treasure.

We will strive to be prepared, skilled, and excellent in heart, mind, and spirit because we are His workmanship, and worshipping Him through music is a good work He has given us to do. We will also strive toward godly character because we understand that worship is first a matter of the heart before it is a matter of the hands.

See Acts 17:28; Psalm 96; Romans 1:16; Colossians 3:16; John 3:29-31; Acts 20:24; Psalm 103; Psalm 32; Ephesians 2:10; 2 Peter 1:3-11; Psalm 51; Psalm 139:23-24

## **2. We will live in dependence upon the gospel in our Dedication to one another as we join in song together.**

The gospel reveals our desperate need for God's grace and the glorious reality that we have been given the grace we need in Jesus Christ. We are equally in need of grace as brothers and sisters in Christ, and we have equally been given grace as brothers and sisters in Christ. So, we will serve both the worship team and the church body in humility and love reflective of the grace we have received together in Christ. We will see our musical abilities as gifts given to us by God to be used for the exaltation of Christ and the maturing of His body in love. We do together what no single one of us could do alone, so we will participate on the team with joy and thanksgiving, and we will celebrate the gifts of other team members, rather than compare them to our own. We will not look at our style of music as better or worse than other churches, but instead we will seek to worship the Lord in Spirit and truth with *all* followers of Christ and understand that style of worship simply reflects the "personality" of a local body of Christ.

We will seek the engagement of the whole body of Christ in worship, so we will choose songs that we can sing *with* the body more than songs that we sing *to* the body. We will sing songs *to* the body not as a performance that elevates ourselves and our abilities, but as special times for reflection that teach, encourage, and build up the listener in the grace of Jesus Christ. We desire to direct rather than distract, so we will make every effort to use the platform we have been given to point one another to the glorious grace of God in Christ.

See Ephesians 4; 1 Peter 4:10-11; 1 Corinthians 12; John 4:23-24; Psalm 34:3; 1 Chronicles 29:20; 2 Chronicles 29:27-30; Colossians 3:11

### **3. We will be Driven by gospel dependence as we worship Jesus before a watching world.**

Because God alone changes hearts, we will not seek to attract others into our church building to hear us, but to encounter Him. Our music and our demeanor on stage will declare the praises of our glorious Redeemer and display His power to save. We will seek to be ambassadors of Christ through our music, pleading with others to be reconciled to God. We will sing of the reality of our sin and need for salvation. We will sing of God's kindness that leads to repentance. We will sing of Christ's sacrifice of love and His glorious resurrection in power. We will sing of the coming return of our King and His Kingdom. We will use music as a proclamation of the gospel so that all who hear our songs will hear of salvation in Christ.

Because we seek to proclaim the gospel not just through music, but also with our lives, we will strive to proclaim the same message both on and off the stage. We will live in a way that is not contradictory to the way we worship on Sundays. Because we lead "from the front" on Sunday mornings, we will understand that the rest of our lives will be watched closely by others. So, we will strive to display God's grace and the gospel in everything we say and do, and we will engage our community in humility and love. We will be the same on social media and in private conversations as we are praising God on stage in the church building. We will use all of our platforms as a proclamation of the gospel so that all who hear and see us will hear and see of salvation in Christ.

See 2 Corinthians 4:1-6; 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Colossians 4:5; 1 Corinthians 14:24-25; Titus 3; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; 1 Peter 3:15-16