

Responding to God through Small Group Worship

The Purpose of Worship

Large Group Worship — God Most High

Small Group Worship — God Most High

To bless the Lord, hear God's voice, and focus our attention.

Worship opens our lives to be filled with God's Spirit (Ephesians 5:18-20).

Worship should flow with the rest of the Small Group agenda. Be aware of the theme and time.

Spiritual Insights

Prepare your heart with personal prayer and worship.

Be sensitive to what God is doing in your group. What atmosphere should the worship create?

Open and close with prayer; include prayer in the worship.

Cooperate with the Holy Spirit.

When someone else leads:

- Communicate with your worship leader about the Small Group agenda.
- Be ready to assume leadership.
- Always be prepared.

Practical Insights

- Choose songs your group can sing.
- You may use the *Small Group Worship Songbook* (available in the Bookstore for \$5).
- Provide words when possible.
- Use a key and tempo people are comfortable with.
- Use variety—you don't always need to sing in worship!
- Periodically ask for feedback.

Children and Worship

- Be sensitive to needs of children as well as the adults.
- Children can and will enter into worship.
- Children can and will be disruptive.
- Be ready to release/include the children as the Spirit/situation dictates.
- Include songs the children like to sing which have meaning for the adults.
- Check with Children's Ministry for current worship songs for kids.