



BEGIN PATH

Lead Worshiper 101:

Lesson 1: Our Roles As Lead Worshipers

What's our role as the worship team?

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We create an *environment* that *encourages* people to worship.

...you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9: (NLT)

What's our role as the worship team?

Priests *worship God* and *help others worship God*.

Put the Levites in charge of the Tabernacle of the Covenant, along with all its furnishings and equipment. They must carry the Tabernacle and all its furnishings as you travel, and they must take care of it and camp around it.

Numbers 1 (NLT)

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The Levites were essentially *setting up the place where God and man would meet.*

What's our role as the worship team?

We create a space for God and his gathered people to meet.

What's our role as the worship team?

You help *steward* the meeting place between your congregation and God.

What's our role as the worship team?

When we come together as a local church,
we *help and encourage the congregation* to
worship God by *setting the right
environment.*

What's our role as the worship team?

As priests, we help *create an environment for God and man to meet*, and we do this...

What's our role as the worship team?

We are *worshiping God*.

We are *leading the congregation*.

What's our role as the worship team?

A word that is often translated into "worship" in scripture is the Greek word *Latreuo*.

And it means "*ministering to God.*"

What's our role as the worship team?

We think of ministering as "*attending to the needs of someone.*"

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So when we are serving on the platform, *we are seeking to enjoy Him, and help others enjoy Him.*

How are we worshiping on the platform?

Through singing, physical expression, and/or playing a musical instrument.

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We're also worshiping God by *serving*.

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We're worshiping God, but also are there to encourage the congregation to worship.

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We can't forget the dual role that we play.

Because we're leading the congregation...

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That doesn't mean it's *act of pretending.*

It just means it's an *act of our will.*

Because we're leading the congregation...

We must *submit our personal worship preferences* for the sake of ministering to the gathered congregation.

Because we're leading the congregation...

At times, our personal worship expressions might *distract* from the corporate worship experience.

Because we're leading the congregation...

Even if you're not the upfront, main worship leader, you still have some responsibility to *engage the congregation.*

Because we're leading the congregation...

What's distracting in your church would be perfectly acceptable in another.

Here are some other ways we lead the congregation...

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We go first.

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As we model what appropriate worship expression looks like, *we invite others* to worship with us.

Here are some other ways we lead the congregation...

We prepare to do lead the congregation with
confidence.

Here are some other ways we lead the congregation...

We can't invite others to a place *we're not prepared to go to.*

Here are some other ways we lead the congregation...

We accept and lead from the *authority delegated to us.*

Here are some other ways we lead the congregation...

We also have authority as the *children of God*.

Recap...

We are New Testament priests: *We create a space for God and his gathered people to meet.*

Recap...

You help *steward the meeting place* between your congregation and God.

Recap...

We minister and serve both God *and* the congregation.

Recap...

We need to lead with the *confidence* that comes from *being prepare* AND *knowing our authority* that we've been given.

Recap...

We model worship by *going first*.

Recap...

We need to *lay aside our personal preferences* in order to lead the congregation.