

# Lead Worshiper 101

## Lesson 3: The Songs We Sing

***We need to have a healthy relationship with the songs we sing.***

These songs are what we worship with during our gathered worship times. We need to have an understanding of why they're important and how we relate with them.

### **1. They are our a big part of our “vocabulary” of worship.**

They put the “words of worship” in the mouths of the congregation.

### **2. They teach theology and doctrine.**

People remember songs long after they remember sermons. So using songs that are rich in scriptural truths is important.

### **3. They need to be repeated often.**

Our songs need to be rotated often enough so people can ***sing them from the heart***, and not just from the screen.

Important truth to remember: *When we start getting sick of a song, that's just about the time the congregation is catching on.*

#### **Our predicament:**

- The longer we rotate a song, the more the average worshiper can sing it from the heart, and not just sing it from the screen.
- But in that same amount of time that it's taken that song to start connecting with the congregation, it's becoming “bleh” for us.

## **Worshiping With Songs We Don't “Enjoy” Anymore**

### *1. It's NOT about me.*

- Our role on the platform is not about personal fulfillment. It's about worship God and encouraging the congregation to worship God.
- We need to view our songs as *tools* to serve the congregation and worship God.

- When we fall into the trap of having to be fulfilled or “moved” by every song we lead, we’re going to frustrate the congregation (because we’ll introduce too many new songs).

## 2. *Rediscover the heart of the song.*

- Spend time with just the lyrics of a song that's not “moving” you any longer.
- Pray the lyrics.
- Study the scriptures that inspired them.

## 3. *Worship privately with the songs you wish you were singing.*

- Our private worship time is more important than what we do on the platform.
- Use the newer songs that you love right now to fuel your personal worship moments.

## 4. *Freshen It Up*

- Consider rearranging or reimagining a song musically to make it fresh for the team.
- Don't stray so far from the original so that the congregation can't connect to it.
- Don't suggest it to your worship leader in the middle of rehearsal (or on a Sunday morning). You need time to work out a new arrangement.

## 5. *Retired the Tired*

- There does come a point when a song runs its course. When disconnection with the congregation begins to occur, it's time to give the tune a long break or retire it indefinitely.
- If you are getting tired of a song, talk to people in the congregation and see if they're feeling the same thing.
- As a team member, you are in the congregation far more often than your worship leader is, so you can help keep the finger on the pulse of how these songs are resonating.

## 6. *Suck It Up And Sing It*

- **You choose to worship.** It's not about faking it. It's about a conscious choice to die to self and enter into worship.
- We're here to worship God and serve others by encouraging them to worship. Remember: **It's not about you or me. It's about God.**