

Responding to God through Small Group Worship

Large Group Worship — We encounter the greatness of God: God Most High

Small Group Worship — We encounter the closeness of God: God Most Nigh

The purpose of small group worship:

- Bless the Lord
- Hear God's voice
- 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 (the theme and time allotment).

Spiritual Insights

Be sensitive to what God is doing in your group.

- Prepare your heart with personal prayer and worship.
- 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

Provide words when possible.

Choose songs your group is familiar with and can sing.

Use a key and tempo people are comfortable with.

Use variety occasionally—you don't always need to sing in worship!

Periodically ask for feedback.

Children and Worship (In case your group includes children)

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 your Children's Ministry for current worship songs for kids.