

10 Steps for Better Worship Flow: Don Chapman

Prelude: pray. To paraphrase a famous quote, pray like the success of your praise set depends on God and work like it all depends on you. Why bother with all this work unless God is in it?

1. Create a Song List: 20-30 songs in rotation

2. What's the Main Idea?

- What does God want?
- Who's singing this week?
- What's the sermon topic?
- Special occasions?

3. Link Songs

- Horizontal or Vertical?
- Lyrics link
- Thematic link
- Response link
- Tempo link
- Key link

4. What's the Worship Curve? Fast→Slow / Slow→Fast / Fast→Slow→Fast / Slow→Fast→Slow

5. The Unexpected: Creative ideas

- Scripture readings
- Prayer
- Solos
- Video
- Responsive readings
- Reprise / tag

6. Don't Stop Between Songs: Pad in destination key; no dead air, key pivot

7. Rehearse Transitions

8. Be Flexible

9. Let the Songs Speak for Themselves: Keep spoken cues to 10–20 seconds (Segue Builder)

10. Avoid Worship Sabotage

Congregational song keys: The sweet spot is "C to shining C" with occasional highs of D or Eb

Song Keys for Maximum Participation: renewingworshipnc.org/song-keys-for-maximum-participation/

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