

- **Session 1 – The Role of the Worship Leader (September 26th)**

You can't look at the role of the Worship Leader and not look at the theology of worship. In this session we'll explore both using Bob Kauflin's book, "Worship Matters" as a guide for our conversation. Specific topics covered will include, "What do I love?", "What do I believe?", "What do I practice?" & "What do I model?".

Session Leader: Chris Orr

- **Session 2 – Head & Heart (October 3rd)**

Is it possible for a church to have a love for the God's Word using songs that teach and demonstrate it in practice without sacrificing relevancy and passion? Is it possible to be led by the spirit, singing simple songs with repetition, while not sacrificing content? In this session, we'll explore the integral relationship between the knowledge of the mind & the passions of the heart.

Session Leader: Chris Orr & David Mills

- **Session 3 – Ministering to your Audience (October 10th)**

Simply "singing songs" isn't enough – God has called us to more. But how do we practically do this without preaching a lengthy sermon between each song? What does it mean to lead people in worship and not just sing songs? In this session, we'll look at aspects of "song set-up", "when should we say something" & how to do so in a way that ministers to the audience we're leading.

Session Leader: Chris Orr & Todd Fields

- **Session 4 – Crafting Song Sets that matter (October 17th)**

Despite what some may think, worship leaders don't just pull songs out of a hat each week. In fact, there are numerous factors that the average person may not realize that go into this process. In this session we will discuss themes in worship, choosing song keys, transitions, overall feel and several other elements.

Session Leader: Chris Orr & TBA

- **Session 5 - Leading from a Dry Place (October 24th)**

Not every worship service that you lead in is gonna be from a posture of happiness and rejoicing. In fact, sometimes it can be from a place of loneliness, sadness or feelings of rejection. How do you push through? Or should you take time away from leading? In this session we'll explore this topic, along with related topics revolving around bringing a sacrifice of praise to God the Father.

Session Leader – Paul Baloche

- **Session 6 – Worship Songwriting (October 31st)**

This beautiful process of creating can be intimidating to try and take something that came from our hearts and present it to the church. When we create, we're partnering with God and taking on His nature on Earth. In this session, we'll learn about crafting lyrics and melodies that bring fresh revelation, along with co-writing with others.

Session Leader – Steve Fee & TBA

- **Session 7 – The Posture of Worship (November 7th)**

True worshipers want to make much of Christ through congregational singing. They desire that others' attention be fixed on God and the thought of people being distracted by our raising of hands or kneeling down in worship can sometimes seem odd. So why does it matter? In fact, shouldn't people just focus their attention on God and not us? In this session, we'll talk about the mandate to "display God's glory" for the world to see, both on stage and off.

Session Leader – Chris Orr and Stephen Miller

- **Session 8 – The Pastoral Worship Leader (November 14th)**

Planning and leading worship is a pastoral task. As we step onto the platform on Sundays, we do so as under-shepherds of God's church. The songs and prayers we place on the congregation's lips will, to varying degrees, be taken with them into the rest of their week. In this final session, we'll discuss how we accept this responsibility and carry the burden of being a worshipper who leads people.

Session Leader – Chris Orr