

CALL TO WORSHIP HOST

Guide for Leading in Worship Gatherings



Call to Worship Meaning

Psalm 100 tells us to “enter in His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise”. We believe there is order as we gather together as a house for our worship gatherings. At the start of our gatherings we like to open up in reading the Word of God, from scriptures, and give God thanks for all he has done. We call this the “call to worship”. The call to worship is an invitation for everyone to enter in His presence, intentionally, and pursue Him as one, unified body of believers. The following is a template for how hosts are to lead the “Call to Worship” in worship gatherings!

Call to Worship Template

- Length:** **Less than 5 minutes** – A great length to shoot for would be no more than 2-3 minutes. This is not a sermon – this is a time to open up with the Word of God and call attention to the opportunity to worship together in freedom, truth, and in unity!
- Location:** **On the Floor & In the Middle** – If you are leading “Call to Worship” Please be in place, on the floor and centered (in the middle) of the front altar area, and in place by the time the countdown hits 0:00; this means – do not go up at “0:00” – this means be in place so then when the countdown is over, you begin!
- Opening:** **Welcome Home!** Start out with this language, welcoming everyone in to the gathering. (Don’t use language like “Welcome to Church” – We are the church, we are welcoming our family in to a worship gathering. Encourage everyone to stand with you, give God praise, etc. Your goal in the welcome is to get them excited and draw attention to the fact that we are in the presence of God and we GET to worship Him together!
- Content:** **Scripture Reading** – Pick a scripture that draws attention to worshipping God, singing, playing instruments, praising God, dancing, giving thanks, etc. We not only want to draw attention to the opportunity to worship, but we want to show how God encourages us to worship in scripture itself. Please let your Host Team leader know your Scripture (and version) you are using 1 day prior to the worship gathering so we can get them entered in to the presentation software!
- Pray:** **Open the Gathering in Prayer** – Pray and ask God to have his way in the worship gathering – let Holy Spirit lead.