



# **Growing Your Prayer Hour**

Prayer Leader Training

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# AGENDA

- How to Grow Your Prayer Hour by Solomon Lujan
- Making Prayer Meetings Christ-Centered
- Hour of Prayer Guide
- Engaging: Incorporating Worship in Your Hour

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# Making Prayer Meetings Christ-Centered

- One of the top values that we hold here in the Global Family is we are Christ-Centered. Ephesians 2:19-22 says:

*Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.*

- Everything that is being built in the Kingdom has to have its foundation in Jesus our cornerstone. He is also what unites us as a movement. Our family is so diverse in culture and denomination but we have this chief cornerstone.

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# Making Prayer Meetings Christ-Centered

- Not only does Jesus promised to grant us our petitions as we unite in Him I believe it is a portion of His inheritance in the nations.
- So knowing this value we can also use this value as a guide for our prayer meetings. I like to remember the phrase from the book of Hebrews...“Consider Him..” We want to consider Jesus and put Him center every prayer zoom meeting.
- For example, we will primarily begin the prayer meeting exalting Jesus!

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# Making Prayer Meetings Christ-Centered

- It is important to increase God-awareness and faith before we begin praying for different issues.
- Another example: you are leading a prayer meeting and it goes off the rails. You may feel like the room is disjointed or someone is using the room to take the meeting in a personal direction and off the focused topic. The Prayer Leader can shepherd the room back to focusing on Jesus by taking a moment to have everyone verbally exalt Jesus.
- In most cases this will refocus and unify the room so that prayer can continue.
- I want to challenge you this week to begin your prayer meeting raising the God-awareness through exaltation, praise, thanksgiving, etc.

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# How to Grow Your Prayer Hour

1. Ask Jesus why He would like more people to attend your hour.
2. Think of your contacts: friends, family and church groups. Then call, text, or use your favorite social media app to message them!   
3. Ask Jesus who to invite and how to invite them.
4. Challenge yourself to invite five new people every week.

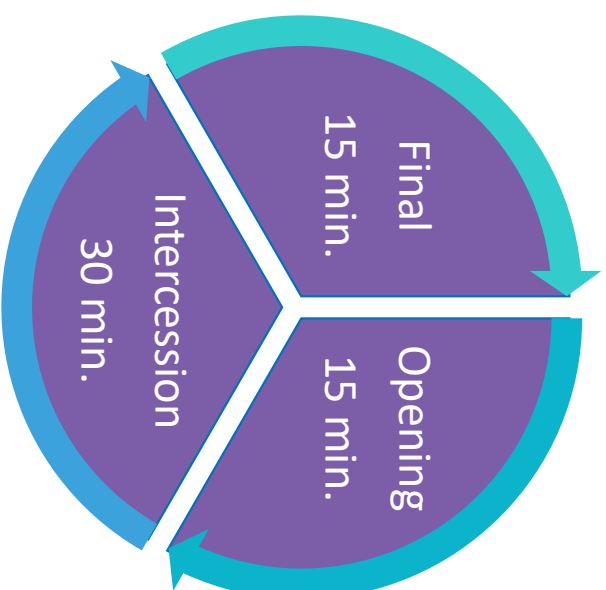
*This is not the time to pull away and neglect meeting together, as some have formed the habit of doing, because we need each other! In fact, we should come together even more frequently, eager to encourage and urge each other onward as we anticipate that day dawning.* Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)

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# How to Break Up Your Prayer Hour

**Final**  
Yearning for the Fulfillment of  
God's Promises & Jesus' Return



**Opening**  
Praise, Worship & Repentance

**Intercession**  
Unity, Holy Spirit Outpouring, the Jews & Israel, the  
Unreached, Nations & Neighbors

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# Hour of Prayer Guide

15 min

Yearning for the  
Fulfillment of God's  
Promises & the  
Return of Jesus

10 min

Nations &  
Neighbors

10 min

Unreached Peoples

10 min

Intercession for the  
Jews & Israel



Praise

5 min

Worship

5 min

Repentance

5 min

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# Engaging: Incorporating Worship

## Mission Exists Because Worship Doesn't

God sends Jesus on his mission “in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.” Romans 15:9

He does his mighty works in history “that [his] name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” Romans 9:17

**Worship is the Goal** and fuel of missions:

Missions exists because worship doesn't.

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# So what do we mean by “worship”?

- True worship is valuing or treasuring God above all things.
- The inner essence of worship is the response of the heart to the knowledge of the mind, when the mind is rightly understanding God and heart is rightly valuing God.

*Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. – James 4:8*

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# How do we engage our participants in worship?

## **Draw our gaze towards God by...**

1. Using a video worship song with lyrics
2. Using live worship with a single instrumentalist or group
3. Using responsive reading of scriptures, devotional readings, poetry, lectio divina, etc.
4. Individual or group acapella singing
5. Incorporate prayer on top of instrumental worship music
6. Share communion together as an element of worship
7. Any other direction God gives you that creatively draws our eyes towards Him
8. Other forms of worship such as dance, movement, mime, banners, sign language, natural scenic videos, etc.

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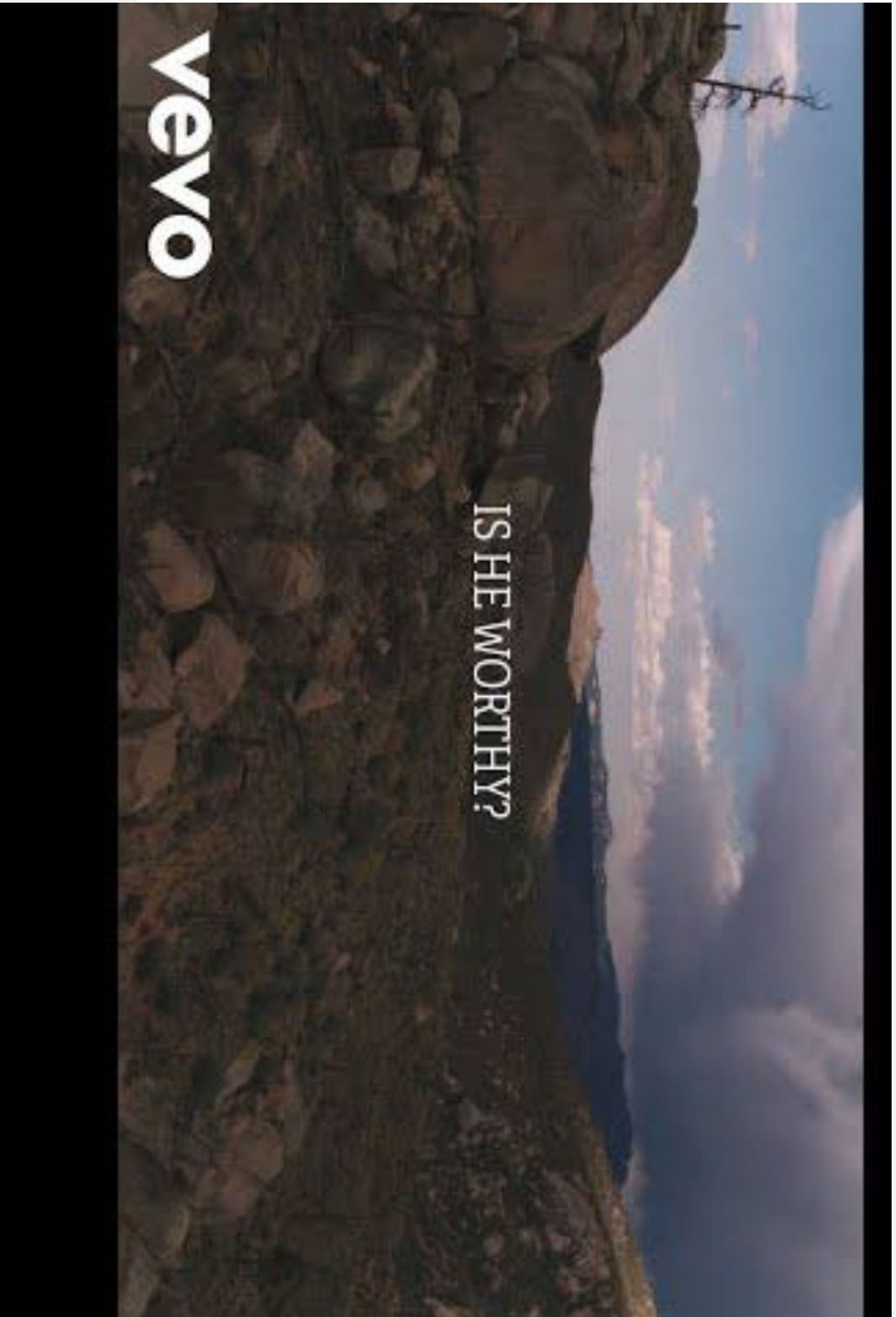


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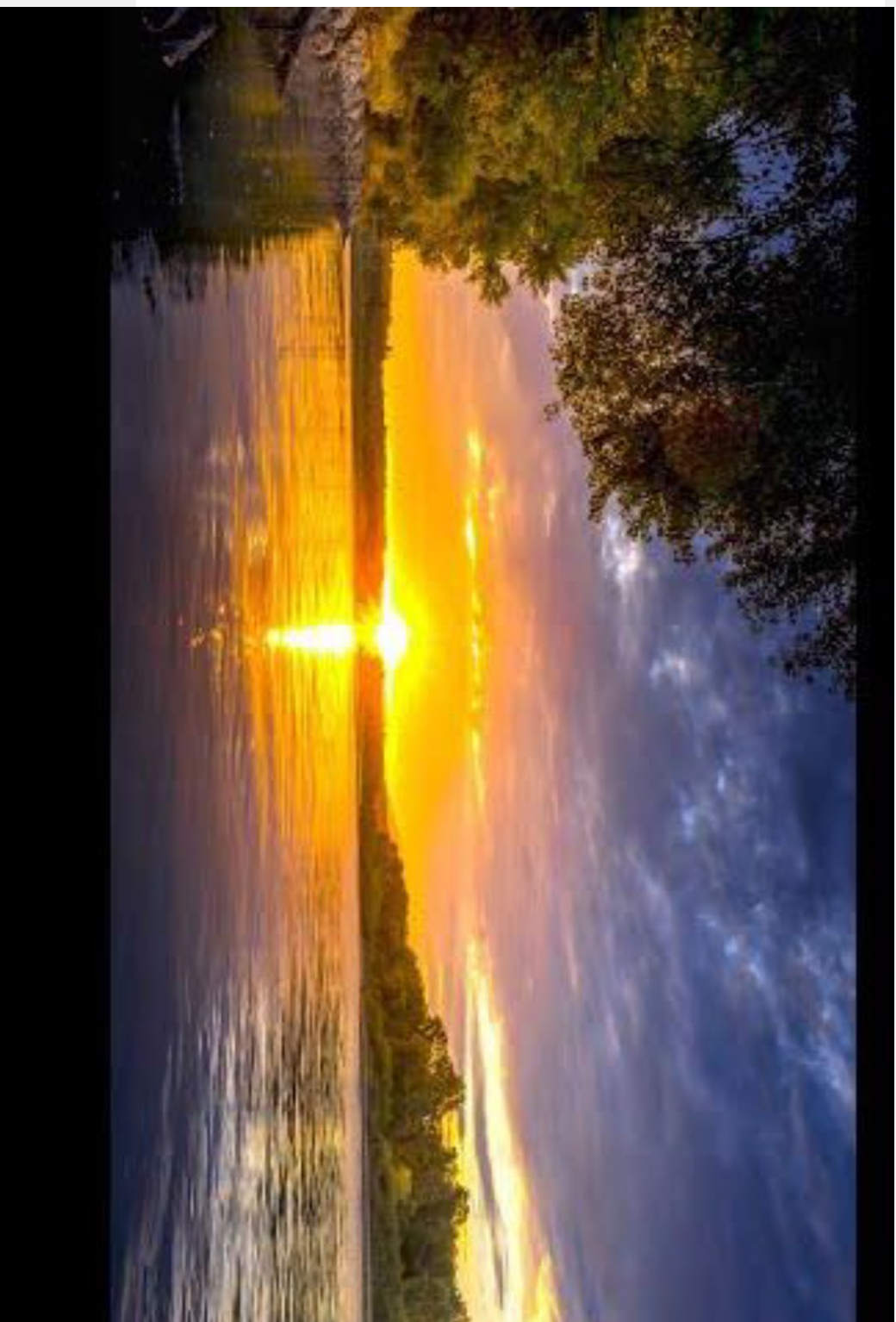
(Psalm 107:3-31)



# Example of Responsive Singing



# Example of Instrumental Worship



# Example of Lectio Divina



# Example of Worship with Movements





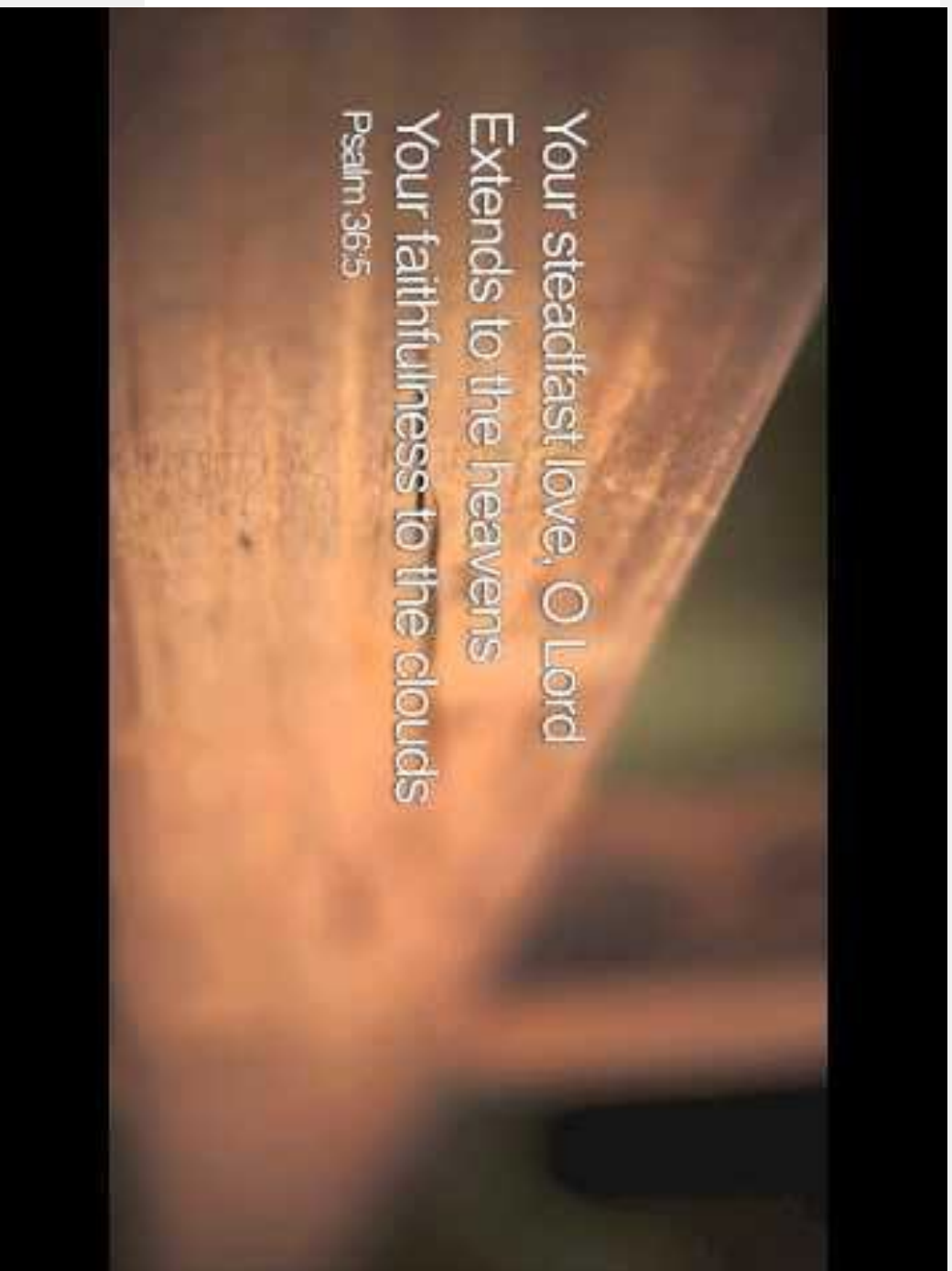
# Incorporate Communion as an Element of Worship



# Another Example of Incorporate Communion as Worship



# Example of Responsive Reading as Worship



Your steadfast love, O Lord  
Extends to the heavens  
Your faithfulness to the clouds  
Psalm 36:5

