

Calvary Countryside Worship Team Guidelines

1) “**Worship**”, according to Webster’s Dictionary: Chiefly and eminently, the act of paying divine honors to the Supreme Being; or the reverence and homage paid to Him; consisting of adoration, confession, prayer, thanksgiving. Psalm 95:6: “Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.”

2) “**Praise**”, according to Webster’s Dictionary: to extol in words or song; to magnify; to glorify on account of perfections or excellent works. Psalm 145:10: “All Your works shall praise You, O Lord, and Your saints shall bless You.”

a) Only God is worthy of our worship. Matthew 4:10: “Then Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’ ”

b) He is to be worshipped in spirit and truth, for He is spirit and truth. John 4:23-24: “But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

c) The true essence of worship consists not of practices and rituals but of giving one’s life in attitude and action as a living sacrifice. Romans 12:1: “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, *that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.*”

Therefore, As you prayerfully consider how the Lord may have you become involved in the leading of His people through worship, we ask

you further to consider the great responsibility that comes with this ministry. You will be an instrument used of the Holy Spirit to usher His people into His presence. As such, we feel it of utmost importance that you willingly agree to the following guidelines. Philippians 3:16: "...Let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind."

Note: Leadership responsibilities require a minimum of 6 months attendance prior to consideration.

Personal Responsibility

1) Should you become a part of the worship team, you are now viewed differently by both those who fellowship at Calvary Chapel and those of our community who are aware of your involvement. Therefore your conduct and character must be able to stand by those who would bring a charge against you. Romans 16:19: "For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good and simple concerning evil."

2) Your ministry will directly affect the entire fellowship. Therefore it is of utmost importance that you are a man or woman dedicated to the regular study of God's Word and of prayer. This is critical to your call as a worship leader Colossians 1:9: "For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding."

3) As representatives of the church of Jesus Christ and of this fellowship, we ask that you willingly put aside the consumption of alcoholic beverages completely as long as you serve in a leadership role. 1 Corinthians 8:9: "But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak."

4) Remember, you will be recognized as being part of the leadership of this fellowship. Therefore, be open and available to be used of God in any capacity at any time. 1 Peter 3:15: "But sanctify the Lord God in

your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.”

5) As a worship leader, we ask that you be in regular fellowship at Calvary Countryside Fellowship as often as possible. Exceptions being vacations, illness, etc. Acts 2:42: “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.”

*Lastly, as a worship leader, we ask that you recognize you are a servant who has been blessed with a talent most people don’t have, therefore, we ask that you **be a good steward of that talent**. Matthew 25:26-28: “You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.”*

Team Rehearsals

We realize that you all have lives apart from this fellowship, and that you give of your time freely. However, in order to give our best to God and His people, we ask that you make a personal commitment to weekly rehearsals, which is essential. (Days and times to be established by the lead worship leader.) If you can’t make a rehearsal, please give as much notice as possible.

Dress Code Guidelines

The idea here is casual, but nice, with consideration to *modest apparel*.

MEN: Business casual, jeans/slacks should be free of rips/tears. Shorts are acceptable with appropriate footwear (see below), collared, button down or pullover shirts.

Please avoid: Stained/ripped pants/shorts, open-toed sandals, hats,

sleeveless shirts, T-shirts, not more than one button opened on shirts.

LADIES: Business casual, jeans/slacks should be free of rips/tears. Shorts are acceptable with appropriate footwear (see below), skirts at knee level or lower.

Please avoid: Stained/ripped shorts, skirts above the knee, short above the knee, snug tops, V-neck tops, not more than one button opened on blouses.

EXCEPTION: If you're asked to facilitate worship outdoors or off church premises, the dress code would be that which is appropriate for the climate, as well as the event with respect to continued moderation.

Should you have any questions, or have need of further clarification, please see Pastor Ron.