

#GCICHURCHHACKS



Call to Worship

In our constantly connected and fast-paced world, the call to worship is an opportunity to intentionally attune the hearts and minds of the congregation to our glorious God. It is powerful to remember that God is the one who calls to us and to corporately reflect on the same truth about his character and involvement in our lives.

When leading the call to worship:



- Do – point to Jesus, remind the congregation that God is the one inviting us into worship.
- Do – be intentional, prepare a simple invitation that aligns the call to worship with theme of the service.
- Do – prepare people to respond to God. We are joining Jesus in worship of the Father, who loves and calls to each of us first.



- Don't – talk about the weather, your week, or any distractor from who God is.
- Don't – rely on last minute inspiration and give a mini-sermon. We are setting the table, not giving the whole meal.
- Don't – make it about entertainment rather than evangelism. The purpose is to exhort participants to worship, not to put on a performance.

Examples:

» **Scripture:** Introduce the service's theme and read a verse that affirms that truth about Jesus.

- This morning as we worship Jesus, let us remember his goodness and grace, that he is the one calling us. As we begin the service, we are going to read a passage out of 2 Timothy that reminds us of this truth. "Who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began." 2 Timothy 1:9



» **Testimony:** Share the theme of the service and personal story of how God has revealed himself to you (with the focus on God, not you).

- Today we are declaring the truth that Jesus is our Sabbath rest. This past week was hectic for me and I found myself reacting out of frustration, rather than responding in love. The Lord led me to Matthew 11:28-29 and reminded me that his yoke is easy and that he promises to give us rest for our weary souls. Let us join in worshipping our God, who calls us to find rest in him.



» **Hymn of praise:** Declare the truth about who God is and invite the congregation to join in song.

- Scripture tells us to sing for joy to the Lord and worship him with gladness. Please stand and join with us in praising his holy name.

