

# Youth Praise Team Retreat

I Corinthians 10:31 & I Peter 4:10-11

## I. Importance of music in the worship service

- A. it is the music that excites the hearts (sets the mood)
- B. it is the music that sets the stage for listening to God's Word

## II. Your calling in leading worship

- A. You have been given a GIFT from God
  - 1. your gift is not to be taken lightly, misused, or ignored
  - 2. you are called to use your gift with excellence because it comes from God
- B. You can't LEAD from the stage if you are not LIVING it off the stage
  - 1. you must be spiritually in tune to God in and out of church
  - 2. what you do on the stage in worship should happen even if you are not on stage

## III. Being effective in leading worship

- A. Stage presence
  - 1. be CONFIDENT
    - know and believe the words of the song
    - don't let mistakes show
  - 2. be REAL...let your personality come out in your worship
  - 3. do MOTIONS when possible; don't be stiff
- B. Using your voices
  - 1. sing into microphone & hold microphones when possible
  - 2. sing loudly and boldly

## IV. Plan before leading worship

- A. You must know songs well
  - 1. if you are not at PRACTICE, you won't be able to lead worship that Wednesday
  - 2. every song must be PRACTICED
  - 3. stay up to date and PRACTICE songs on webpage
  - 4. songs done live with guitar must be PRACTICED to perfection
- B. You must plan the song well
  - 1. plan songs easy for the congregation to SING and UNDERSTAND
  - 2. the songs should fit the message if possible
  - 3. practice time is for PRACTICE, not planning what to sing
  - 4. practice on the microphones as if LIVE

## Other Notes for 2010

- A. Pray before practice
- B. Arrive 5 minutes early to make sure you are ready to sing and then pray
- C. Be ready to sing...Jason shouldn't have to ask praise team to come up