New Hope Christian Church Disciples Making Disciples

At New Hope, we believe that corporate worship is an essential piece of a healthy spiritual life. Therefore, we place a high value on what happens in our Sunday Services and we also value who is leading at those services. If you are a worship team member at New Hope, we consider you to be a leader at our church. Leadership brings great responsibility and a higher standard.

We understand that no one is perfect. God leads each of us along a process of spiritual transformation, and no two journey's look the same. As a leader, certain qualities should be evident in your life. Here are four core values we expect our worship team members to possess.

Character / Biblical Authority

As a worship team member, you are a representative of this church, and most importantly, of Jesus. Here are some areas that reflect your character:

<u>Personal Conduct</u> - Is your lifestyle consistent with a pursuit of holiness? We should aim to be above reproach in every area of our lives.

What you say - Does your speech bring people closer to Jesus or drive them away?

<u>Social Media Presence</u> - What you post online is attached to you forever. Please be mindful of what you post to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. No Internet Muscles!

<u>Servant Leadership</u> - Our team members are asked to serve the church, not vice versa. You may be asked to make sacrifices that members of the church are not asked to make. Where you park and when you arrive are some of these opportunities.

<u>A Heart of Worship</u> - Leading worship publicly comes most naturally to people who worship God privately. Use the songs on Sundays to cultivate worship in your own heart. Romans 12:1-2

Commitment / Excellence

To New Hope Christian Church:

To lead music at New Hope, we encourage you to be a member of this church. As leaders, we expect you to be involved in the disciple making process, being discipled and making disciples through one of our discipleship groups.

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To the worship team:

Is leading music at New Hope a high priority to you? Do you come to rehearsal prepared? Do you come on time? Do you communicate well with the worship leader and other members of the team when necessary?

Colossians 3:17, Malachi 1:6-14

Craft / Strategic Stewardship

This pertains to your level of ability in your role on the worship team. The goal in worship leading is not to have the most talented people on stage every week. It's generally more important to have people who understand their role on the team than people who have mastered their instrument.

The Pie Principle - Each team member should understand and practice this. The more instruments performing at a given time, the less "space" each instrument needs to take up. Overplaying destroys the desired feel of a song.

Stewardship - Do you spend time stewarding the gift God has given you through practicing on your own, expanding your knowledge of your instrument, etc.? Psalm 33:3 - "Play Skillfully"

Chemistry / Transforming Relationships

Do I carry the attitude of patience and encouragement with all my teammates no matter where they are in their development and gift strengths? (Hebrews 10:24)

Do I carry myself with an attitude of humility and honor no matter what my position or opportunities may be on the team? (1 Chronicles 22)

Am I eliminating gossip or disparaging conversations about my teammates or leaders and caring enough to confront when I feel I have been wronged? (Psalm 133:1, Ephesians 4:1-5)

Do I remain open to input and guidance from my leaders and teammates? (Hebrews 13:17)