

ENGEDI WORSHIP TEAM FAQs

What is the purpose of the Worship Ministry?

The purpose of this ministry is to glorify God and help people connect with Him by facilitating musical worship experiences. Each member of the ministry must allow themselves to be used by God to invite seekers into a relationship with Him and encourage and challenge believers to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

What type of person serves in the Worship Ministry?

This ministry is comprised of gifted musicians who have a growing relationship with God, have a calling from God to use their musical gifts to help others worship and have developed those gifts to the level necessary for quality public performance.

What attitudes are expected of the Worship Team members?

We are not just looking for volunteers, but for people called by God to serve in this area. The attitude of humble servant-hood, working for God not for the church, and seeing it as a privilege and a responsibility is what we're looking for.

Here's the difference:

- » A volunteer looks upon rehearsal as another commitment he's obligated to fulfill, but someone called of God looks upon rehearsal as another opportunity to be used by God.
- » A volunteer looks upon any constructive criticism with indignation, but someone called of God is grateful for feedback because he/she wants to be the best he/she can be.
- » A volunteer puts in minimal effort, but someone called of God puts in maximum effort.
- » A volunteer sits back and complains about what's bothering him/her, but someone called of God leads a personal campaign to improve that which needs improvement.
- » A volunteer feels threatened by the talents of others, but someone called of God feels secure in God's direction of his or her life.
- » A volunteer does no outside practicing or preparation (after all he's just a volunteer), but someone who is called of God come to rehearsals and a performance as prepared as possible.
- » A volunteer wants to quit at the first sign of adversity or discouragement, but one called of God digs in and perseveres.
- » A volunteer is oblivious to the needs of the ministry, but someone called of God prays over the needs of the ministry.

- » A volunteer is more prone to jealousy of others, but one called of God praises God for the gifts and talents has given to him/her.
- » A volunteer shrinks back from resolving relational conflict, but someone called of God seeks to resolve all relational conflict to preserve the unity of the team with which he or she serves.
- » A volunteer's main source of fulfillment is his or her talents and abilities, but someone called of God knows that being used of God is the most fulfilling thing you can do with your life.

What are the qualifications for Worship Team members?

Members must have an ongoing relationship with Jesus and a desire to walk with him daily.

Members must have musical gifts developed to the level needed in order to facilitate quality worship experiences in their area of involvement.

Members must understand that they are there to worship and help lead others in worship.

Members must be committed to team unity, to growth on their instrument and to support the leadership of the church and the Musical Worship Ministry.

Members must live lives of integrity that reflect the teachings of Jesus in the Bible as taught at Engedi.

What does scheduling and commitment/expectations look like?

Members are expected to come to rehearsals and services on time and well prepared. Typically rehearsals occur on Thursday nights from 6:30–8:30pm. On Sundays, worship team members are expected to be set up and ready to play by 7:15am.

There are three set worship teams that are on a 3 week rotation. Committing to one of these teams means to serve from September-May, There are two ways you can serve on the worship team. The first is by being a part of one of the 3 teams. The second is by being a worship team member who plays occasionally when there is a need for a sub or a select/special instrument (i.e. violin, harmonica, etc...)

Why do we do auditions?

We hold auditions for various ministries in the church for three main reasons:

1. Because God deserves our best

God asks for the best we can give Him in our worship. In the Old Testament, God asked for the best of what the people had as their worship offering. For us, that means services that are well planned and presented to Him by people He gifted to help lead. It's not about perfectionism; it's about giving God the best we can.

2. Because we don't want to be a distraction

Each of us can have the purest hearts of worship in the world; but if our abilities are lacking, we can end up distracting people in services from worshipping God and focusing on Him and instead turn the attention unwillingly to ourselves.

3. Because we want you to be the most fulfilled

Romans 12 talks about using our spiritual gifts. We all have areas of interest in which we aren't necessarily highly gifted. When we are serving in the areas God gifted us, we have more joy and fulfillment and are more effective. Auditions help us find those areas.

What are auditions like?

We don't typically do official auditions throughout the year. Auditioning is more of a gradual process rather than a one time deal. First, you and the worship leader will get together at church to get to know one another and to play/sing through a few worship songs. Assuming all goes well, we'll set up a time for you to come and observe part of a rehearsal on a Thursday night with other members of the worship team. This time might also include playing/singing a few songs with the band. And depending on how that goes, you will be scheduled to play with one of the teams on a weekend so you can get a feel for what that's like to rehearse and play on a Sunday. It also gives the worship leader the ability to see how you'd do in the context of playing with a full band and how you conduct yourself in a rehearsal and service. Within a week of you playing in church, the worship leader will then contact you to discuss how things went for you and what your involvement with the worship team could potentially look like moving forward.

Thanks again for your interest in the Engedi worship ministry. Hopefully this information was helpful.

The first step in getting involved is to fill out and submit an application found at engedichurch.com, and contact Josh to let him know that you are interested in auditioning.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me.

grace and peace,

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