

KCA WORSHIP VISION

[Worship is obedience to the greatest commandment]

Matthew 22:37

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment.'

The vision for our gathered worship is...

To facilitate an atmosphere and space for the congregation to encounter God through *Christ centred, Spirit-led* music and songs. Our desire is to develop a deepening in our worship as we pursue His presence, encouraging a culture and atmosphere of expectation, so that:

- each time we worship is an opportunity for His Kingdom to be released and for us to join with Heaven in praise and adoration.
- as we worship, we would become more like Him, changed from the inside out, reflecting more of His Glory.

Matt Redman

*'We are the people of God, in the presence of God,
pouring out the praises of God'*

Psalm 100

*Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

2 Corinthians 3:18

'And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.'

The vision for the Worship Ministry at KCA is...

To nurture and pastor a team who... love and worship Jesus above everything; value quality in everything we do; focus on character over competency; depend on the power of the Holy Spirit and pursue His presence; choose championing over comparison and value everyone's contribution; choose servanthood over stardom; and who are committed.

(More detail in worship team values)

To identify, equip, invest, develop, and release people in their giftings... to continue to serve and grow the worship life of the church; to have an intentional desire to invest in the next generation of worshippers, with grace and discipleship creating space for them to serve and learn to use their gifts as part of the team.

To meet termly as a Worship Team, with time to develop relationships, receive input, to share vision, to pray and encourage one another.

To provide input, support and role specific training and workshops.

To creatively utilise sound, visuals, and lighting to facilitate our times of gathered worship. This means continually thinking forwards with regards to how we can improve, invest, upgrade, and use our equipment. Our aim is to:

- always focus on and point to Jesus
- to help people engage in worship
- to do things well without the technology becoming the priority or a distraction.

To be a resource to others in the wider church, to be able to support, encourage and champion other churches in their worship journeys; connecting with and building relationships with churches in the local area; organising and hosting training days and conferences; engaging with, supporting and being part of the journey with New Wine Worship.

What is Christ Centred Worship?

Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Jesus must be the centre of our worship, and our desire to become the kind of worshippers that the Father seeks, and to allow Jesus to take His rightful place at

the centre of our praise! Everything we do is an act of worship, from the way we live our lives, the things we do, say, think, our jobs, our hobbies – It's more than a song, it's about a life that is centred around Jesus.

In our times of worship, it must be more of Christ and less of me.

Our aim is to sing most of our songs to Jesus, keeping to a minimum, songs that focused on us! We come to worship to exalt, glorify, adore, and thank Him for all he has done, not to sing about 'me'. We want to come to the cross, to sing about our Saviour who died for us and rose that we might have life and hope.

However, there is a place for a 'me' or 'us' in our worship as shown by the Psalms - poetic hymns meant to be sung to God. A third of Psalms are known as psalms of lament and they deal with issues that were, and still are, central to the life of faith for individual believers and the whole community of faith. The lament psalms express intense emotions, real human struggles, and the anguish of heart experienced by the people of Israel as they lived out their faith individually and corporately. Most important, though, is that these Psalms always end in a glorious vow of praise to God, putting the focus and attention back on Him.

"I will sing the LORD's praise, for he has been good to me"
Psalm 13:6

What is Spirit-led Worship?

Ephesians 5:18-20

'Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.'

Our Worship must be Spirit-led; The Holy Spirit is the ultimate worship leader and must be the orchestrator of our worship. True worship leading is a Spirit empowered activity. It's learning to lead and sing in the Spirit, with the Spirit and by the Spirit. As lead worshippers we set the example for people to follow, while listening out for the essential promptings of the Holy Spirit. Without the presence and empowerment of the Holy Spirit, our worship doesn't get very far off the ground. As we are filled with the Spirit our hearts overflow with worship, we respond with a life of thankfulness and songs of worship.

Matt Redman – The Heart of Worship Files

'We can't make worship happen, we can't conjure it up out of nowhere, worship is always birthed by the Holy Spirit.'

Worship leading requires a willingness to be vulnerable as we seek to follow His lead and as we plan, prepare, and lead the congregation. Collective worship needs someone who is gifted in helping a congregation travel together and who has prayed for some sense of direction, but who also has an openness to the new and unplanned moments, and the ability to make space for the Holy Spirit to prompt, move and speak through the worship leaders and the congregation.

Music is a wonderful tool to help us express our worship together, but worship is primarily a spiritual encounter, and not just a musical one.

Jeremy Riddle – The Reset

'If we are to become true spiritual leaders, then our highest aim is to become Spirit-filled and Spirit-led. Our greatest assignment every day is to be a people who stay in step with the Spirit.'

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