

Module 1: Why Practice Matters

Pre-Video Exercise:

To your team: "Since we're starting out this series, let's talk a little about how we think we're doing with preparation. On your handout is two rating scales. Take a moment to rate both yourself and our team as a whole when it comes to how prepared we are.

Give them just a minute to score. Don't let them think too much on it. And save discussion about it for after the video.

Discussion Questions - Module 1

1. Jon talked about that his lack of practice not only affected the team, but the whole church. What are some ways that our lack of preparation can affect each other, and also the entire church?
2. Based on several passages of scripture, we're told this: *"If you're called to be on the worship team, you're called to be skilled. And skill requires preparation."* If you believe this is true, what are some reasons why we need to be skilled and prepared?

(Hint: remind them of the sentence, "You can't lead well what you don't know well.")

3. Do you have any suggestions of what we can do as a team to help us view our time of practice and rehearsal as a sacred act of worship? What are they?
4. Are we guilty of having our "eyes glued" to music stand or confidence monitors? Do you think it takes away from our ability to lead the congregation in worship?

5. Do you find this to be true for you: *Preparation gives you confidence. Confidence lets you have more freedom in worship. And more freedom in worship means you're leading and engaging the congregation better.*

Why or why not?

6. Jon talked about *fun* being one of the reasons we should practice. Do you agree with that? Why or why not?

Possible follow-up:

Jon said this, "*When the congregation sees us enjoying what we're doing on the platform, that actually puts them at ease and gives them permission to enjoy worship, too.*"

Do you think the congregation really sees us enjoying ourselves?

7. So let's talk about where you rated yourself and the team. (Have everyone give their answers. Whiteboard group ratings if available.) Why did you give the team the score you did? Would you change your ratings after watching this first video?