

# **WAKYMC WORSHIP TEAM VALUES**

**INTIMACY** – Our mission is to make a way for people to meet with God – not to get hung up on how awesome we are. Bringing people closer to Jesus is the goal.

**INTEGRITY** – We should be living the words we are singing, and if we're not, we should make a course correction in our lives so that we are.

**ACCESSIBILITY** – Our goal is to help people who are young, middle-aged, old, healthy, disabled, or new to the church have an accessible path to meeting with God in worship.

**AUTHENTICITY / CULTURAL CONNECTION** – We need to be authentic as a church, and as a team. Our sound should connect with the cultural moment/context we're in, but we will have to be who we are rather than trying to be someone or something we're not.

**KINGDOM EXPECTATION** – If the worship team doesn't expect the Holy Spirit to move in peoples' hearts during worship, who will?

**PERSONAL DISCIPLESHIP** – Every worship team member should be attentive to their own walk with God. Everyone needs a mentor, a small group, and someone like a pastor who can speak deeply into their lives.

## **WHAT SHOULD A WORSHIP TEAM BE?**

A worship team should be a tribe, rather than just a team. A team, like a sports team, is a bunch of players making the success of winning happen.

A tribe, however, is a group of people who share the same values, the same history, the same heart. They play together, but they know they've won when the whole tribe on the stage, and in the room, has won. Be a tribe as you serve as a team.

# WHAT IS WORSHIP

Worship is a whole life response to the love of God. And our life of worship, as Eugene Peterson puts it, our “sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life,” can be powered by what happens when we come together on a Sunday morning, and sing.

Songs are a place people go to meet with God and singing together in worship can strengthen us for living out our faith in every other area of life.

**Romans 12:1-2 says,**

*“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. Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

# WHAT DO WE WORSHIP?

**1 John 4:19 says,**

*“We love because He first loved us.”* The God of the universe started this whole dance of worship. The God who is Creator, King, Trinity, and Savior of the world first pursued us in love, and we, having been pursued by God’s love, respond.

That’s why we sing. It’s all because worship is a response to God’s love – that’s why we worship.

*Worship is our chance to set “our minds’ attention and our hearts’ affection on Him...praising Him for who He is and what He has done.” – Bruce Leafblad*