

Student Journal Entry 1

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ATh 473 Internship: Religious Studies

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The internship is a four-month period in which the I will work 12-20 hours per week under the direction of the Minister of Music and Praise and Worship Minister, Keith Dobbins. I will be working with Minister Dobbins to acquire skills and assist him in worship and arts ministry. This internship will include, planning meetings, artist sessions, leading worship, teaching parts, and writing out music. In addition to that, it entails learning worship and arts programs, music rehearsals, soundchecks, leading worship; regular meeting and coaching with Mentor, Keith Dobbins. Lastly, helping educate congregations on the importance of worship and the meaning behind it, and any other duties that an intern may be able to assist.

Although I was excited for the first week, it was difficult adjusting my already busy schedule and adding another 12 hours on my plate. At first, I didn't know what to expect when I arrived at World Changers because you never know how people will respond when they meet you. Will they accept the new intern, will this be a great learning experience, many of those thoughts entered my mind? I pushed past the initial fear, and we had a great rehearsal that week. At that rehearsal, I realized that there weren't any monitors in the choir stands, which means that hearing is an issue for the choir members. Minister Dobbins and I talked about that because many places that I sing sound is an issue. He provided suggestions to me on the best ways to interact with the sound team and adjustments that can be made on stage to balance the sound.

Kenneth Boa states in *Conformed to His Image*, "what it takes to know God more clearly is two essential ingredients, which are time and obedience." I don't have all the answers to how to become a great worship leader, but I do have a desire to be obedient to God's call and lead people in the presence of God in an authentic way. I am learning and becoming who God has called me to be, and in doing this, it requires preparation and time. The Goal of this internship as a Religious study major is to hone and shape my worship and servanthood skills within a

ministry setting under the guidance of Minister Dobbins and outside of the classroom. I believe this to be a biblical mindset and I am passionate about ensuring upon graduation that I will be qualified and trained as a Christian leader in Worship; and I am excited to learn, grow and exercise my skills by gaining real-life experiences.

Bibliography

Boa, Kenneth. *Conformed to His image: biblical and practical approaches to spiritual formation*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2001.