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Context: Within the TRIBE youth group of Ridgeway Church, my role is to mentor and coach young worshippers who have an interest in using their gifts to worship the Lord. I am responsible for mentoring them and giving them tools to be effective worshippers and worship leaders for God's glory.

Within the TRIBE worship ministry, as the TRIBE worship coordinator, my role is to prepare and develop teens for worship and service to the Lord. *As a TRIBE worshipper, you will be developed in leadership through growth in the areas of intimacy and gifting.* It's important to understand that in the same way that there are two sides to a coin, there are also two sides to worship ministry and worship leading. These two sides include the spiritual and the technical. As a worship leader, each side of this "coin" impacts the other side. We should be daily growing as disciples of Jesus, but also in our musical expression of worship.

It's important to be sure of our position and identity in Christ before trying to lead others to him. We can't just be people that play or sing a song, we must be people who *dwell* (Psalm 91). We must be people of His Presence. We must be people that have been marked by the Presence of Jesus and desire to share that with others; leading them to the Savior that we know for ourselves.

In addition to the spiritual, there is also the technical. The technical side includes growing in musical competencies that can help us in sharing the Presence of Jesus with others through a tangible medium. It's important to know however, that worship is not only expressed through

musical forms; our whole lives and bodies are tools of worship (Romans 12:1). Although, in this setting, we will grow in our musical gifts that will help us to share worship with others in musical form. This includes growing as instrumentalists, growing as vocalists, learning how to read chord charts, learning harmony parts and more.

So here's what I'm asking of each of you: first, for those of you who have expressed interest in being a part of worship here in the TRIBE, you have to commit to a growing relationship with Christ. That is the *most* important. You will be scheduled to lead worship vocally or instrumentally two times every month. For the Wednesdays that you are scheduled, I need you to arrive to youth group by 6pm so that we can pray and run through the songs both instrumentally and vocally. Finally, for the weeks that you have been scheduled, I want you to come prepared knowing all songs. This means that you will have to practice during the week. Part of being a leader in this worship context is coming fully prepared with all the musical items before you get there.

I want you to know that growing in my worship relationship with Jesus has changed my life forever. I want each of you to experience the life change through worship that I have been able to experience. Through worship, Jesus has changed my life! I was able to experience freedom that I never knew before. I was able to use my gifts, my songs, and my piano playing as tools to connect with Jesus for myself. In learning how to use my gifts as a tool in worship for myself, I was able to invite other people into this same place of intimacy and breakthrough. Growing in my gifts gave me an opportunity to publicly share my personal intimacy and testimony with others. I have never been the same since. I want you and those who follow your leadership to be forever marked by the presence of Jesus into life change.