

Tom's staff tells me that his first Expressive Worship DVD (<http://www.expressiveworship.net/expressive-worship-1/>) contains a good introduction to Tom's explanation of "creating moments" in worship. Although they think you should consider the three-DVD set (<http://www.expressiveworship.net/expressive-worship-dvds/>). To me, attending Tom's workshops is even better.

Next Steps

Any approach to structuring worship services will seem formulaic and artificial until you've really given it a chance and figured out what works and what doesn't work for you.

Of course, there are also "worship leaders" who confuse lack of preparation with "leaving room for the Spirit of God to work." Experience and observation have both convinced me, however, that God is more likely to use those who prayerfully prepare for ministry – even if He has to derail some of your plans - then he is to use those who confuse lazy or haphazard "planning" with "openness to His leading."

I also admit that I don't know how many songs you usually do in your services, or how many people you have on your praise team, or the demographics of your church

But I do know that the most effective worship leaders intentionally plan their services to lead the congregation into more focused praise and devotion.

For your future use, we've provided a blank set of "plot-art" graphs to let you graph your next service or three.

God bless, and see you 'round the throne.

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