SERVICE PLANNING EXERCISE

Choose a scenario to work with, and then use the structure on the next page to plan a worship service. For more information on this process see episode 2B of the video course *How Would Jesus Lead Worship,* and the "bonus" chapter at the end of the book of the same name. Find all these at https://engageworship.org/videocourse

Scenario 1:
Type and theme of service: Messy Church special, theme: *"We all belong".*
Bible readings: Ephesians 4:1-6.
Congregation present: Mix of ages, several families who don't normally come to church.
Extra elements required: There is also a baptism planned.
Any other info: Youth band leading, limited musical ability and repertoire.
Desired destination: God loves you (as he loves everybody).

Scenario 2:
Type and theme of service: Holy Communion service.
Bible readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9.
Congregation present: Normal mixed congregation, children going out to groups before sermon.
Extra elements required: Holy Communion and a fixture to pray for a missionary.
Any other info: There is an organist, one guitarist and one flute player on the rota.
Desired destination: You are sent to be God's hands in our community.

Scenario 3:
Type and theme of service: Sunday Evening Special Celebration, theme *"Encounter God".*
Bible readings: Joel 2:12-29
Congregation present: Mostly young adults and some keen older people.
Extra elements required: The preacher in known to speak for a long time. There will be an expectation for prayer ministry towards the end.
Any other info: No real time limit.
Desired destination: Confession and receiving forgiveness.

Planning a service as a worship journey		
STEP 1: What external information do I have for this service? What is the basic **structure**?	STEP 2: What does God want to achieve in this service? What should be the **destination**? (For this exercise this has been decided for you - normally, pray and seek God).	
	STEP 3: Plan the journey. Which **functions** do we need?	STEP 4: Insert the **media** (songs, prayers, activities etc)