



## **4: Worship Architect**

### **Episode Notes**

Thanks for joining the *Big Church/Small Church Podcast*. We want to help you launch new outreach communities to reach people for God. Today we are talking about designing worship for your small or big church. These ancient concepts will help you bring modern and effective styles that fit with your context.

### **1. Welcome**

Every time the church gathers in for a Sunday service, small group, or as a SEND Center, we come together from our individual lives to form one body. Having a time of welcome helps unite the body as one.

### **2. Word and Wisdom**

Make reading the Bible a central habit for your church group. This is one of the main ways we hear God speak. Read a passage together every time you meet. If you are in a home or small group, let people meditate and ask questions about the passage. Don't give them the answers. Let God speak to them.

### **3. WHAT?**

What is God saying to you? What are you going to do about it? We are to listen and respond to God. If we don't respond to God, it just becomes head knowledge. Look for ways you can invite people to respond to God's Word.

### **4. Walk**

Every worship gathering ends. You are to send your people to live in the world for God. You are inviting people to walk the talk in their everyday lives. Think of ways to commission and send your people full of God's presence into the world to be disciples (Matt. 28).

### **Resources**

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