



Intercessory Worship

Introduction to “The Briefing”

What is ‘The Briefing’?

The Briefing is the time planned for the team to come together and discuss the flow of the set. It is also the time when the team shares what is on their heart regarding the scriptures and prayer emphasis. It could also be thought of as a mini bible study.

Why Brief?

Briefing is necessary because it establishes the ‘planned’ framework for the set that the team is about to do. Note that The Briefing should not be rushed or taken lightly. This is the opportunity to give everyone time to get together and get in one accord (like minded). The key to a smooth set is preparation and The Briefing is the final point before the set to pull all things together.

[Note; this could be likened to a pre-flight check list that the pilot performs prior to take-off. It’s much more difficult to make changes, corrections, fixes, etc when the plane is in the air!]

Who is responsible for sending out the scriptures/prayer targets?

The team worship leader is ultimately responsible for sending out the information regarding the set. The WL may assign the prayer leader to take this responsibility, however the WL needs to combine the theme, prayers, and music for the set and needs to convey this info to the team.

The set information should be sent 5-6 days before the next set. This information may be given at the conclusion a set thus giving 1 week look ahead.

What are the responsibilities of the team members?

Each of the team members need to prepare their heart and mind for the set so that they can perform to the highest capacity. This preparation comes as a result of prayer reading, meditation, notation (writing the scripture in different wording), and personal devotion with the Lord.

Even though the IW set is considered spontaneous, there is a fair amount of planning and preparation required to be able to flow with the Holy Spirit. Therefore, it is important that each team member prepare themselves (includes musicians!).

Where to Brief?

Briefing takes place in a room that is separate from the prayer room. Eventually, NH HOP will have a dedicated briefing room.

Who Briefs?

Briefing is certainly for the team that will lead the set, inclusive of worship & prayer leaders, singers, and musicians. However, other people may attend, especially the prayer room ‘attendants’. These ‘attendants’ can include the sound technicians, the slide show operators, section leaders, HOP staff, etc. All who attend do so in order to come into harmony with the worship & prayer leaders.

When to Brief?

The Briefing needs to start at least 30 minutes before the set starts. It may be necessary to allow 5-10 minutes before transition for water, bathroom, etc. needs.

How to Brief?

Who leads?

Typically the worship or prayer leader will lead the briefing. The WL may assign this role to any one on the team who may have a particular insight.

What do you talk about?

This is the time you discuss the biblical content that will be used during the set, i.e., where is the team planning to go. Variations will also be discussed and considered.

This is also the time to discuss any of the music, and technical issues so that every one is aware of what’s about to happen on the stage. It is also a time to review the model by use of the “Set Planning Worksheet”.