

Worship beyond Words

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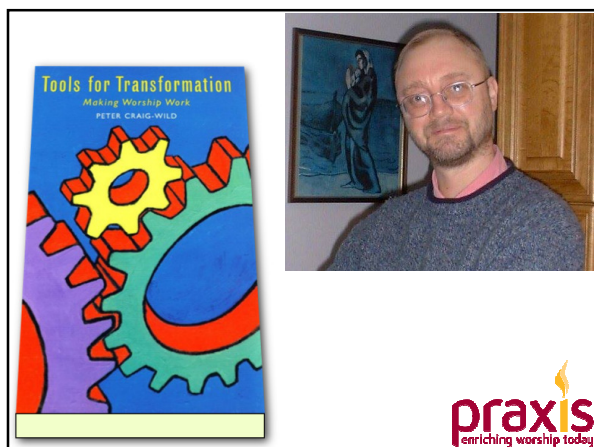


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A confession ...

and a story



Have you experienced moments like that in worship?



Enlightenment presuppositions:

Mind	is better than	body
Conscious	is better than	unconscious
Individual	is better than	community
Reason	is better than	emotion
Precision	is better than	ambiguity
Fact	is better than	feeling
Truth	is better than	mystery



Why worship beyond words?

- Because of who God is
- Because of who we are
- Because of how old we are
- Because of how the world is
- Because of how *you* are



The backdrop: Creating atmosphere

When people come to worship in your church,

- What do they see?
- What do they hear?
- What do they feel?
- What do they smell?
- What do they taste?

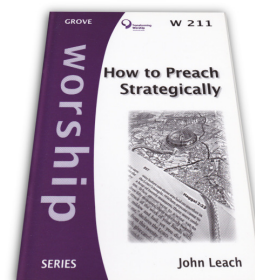
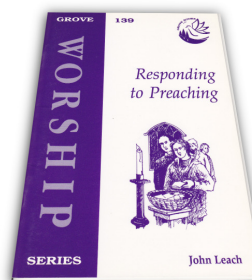


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Is there anything you could do easily to enhance the atmosphere in your church?



Going for Response



Ten Guidelines for Worship beyond Words

- 1) Where might we use it?
- 2) What does the Bible say?



Ten Guidelines for Worship beyond Words

- 1) **Where might we use it?**
- 2) **What does the Bible say?**
- 3) **What could we do?**
- 4) **What might we do?**
- 5) **What will we need?**
- 6) **How will it work?**
- 7) **How will it be announced?**
- 8) **What extras might help?**
- 9) **How will it end?**
- 10) **How did it go?**



Reviewing Worship

- A** Affirm
- B** Better
- C** Create
- D** Drop

