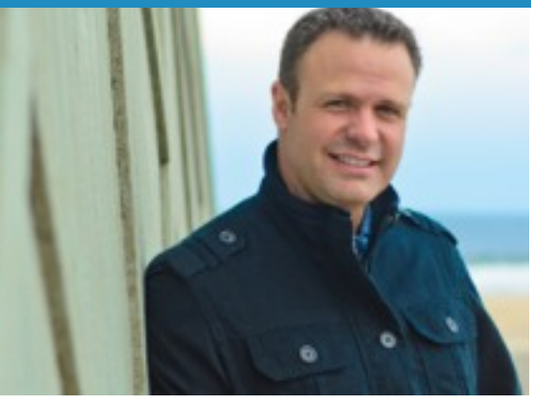


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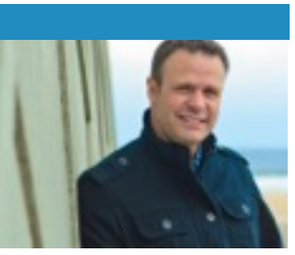
HOW TO DETERMINE YOUR UNIQUE LEADERSHIP STYLE

How do we create different contexts for unique worship expressions in our church community?

The Law Of Context says that different environments and worship expressions can be a wonderful gift to the people in your faith community. Each environment serves a "context," and can be styled uniquely from others.

From the sound of the music, to the environment, to the form of the worship experience, we can run many unique events along our journey together that will encourage and build our people.

I.e. "One size fits all" doesn't need to be the name of the game. There is diversity in the Body of Christ, and it must be celebrated. Unity can be enhanced in ways other than *always* doing the same thing together. We need to be together, and do some things apart. This makes a strong family.



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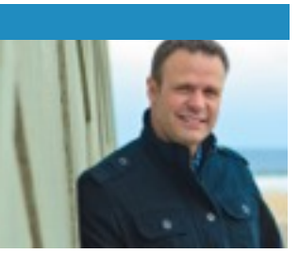
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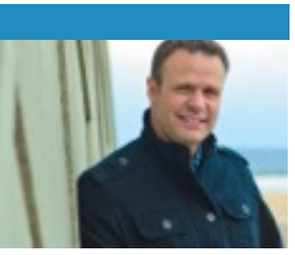
IDEA 1 - LET SUNDAY BE SUNDAY

Some worship leaders try to jam every possible expression into the Sunday morning context. Diversity is beautiful, and we want everyone to connect on a Sunday morning with some part of the service.

In this way, Sunday can be the meat-and-potatoes of our growth together, and tailored a specific way to serve everyone.

At the same time, we must begin to understand that particular demographics, and even different goals, can be served by other creating other, unique gatherings for worship.

In other words, something bigger than Sunday morning can serve the growth of our community.



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IDEA 2 - THE BUFFET APPROACH

In the Buffet Approach, new expressions, based on a theme, are created and opened to all of the diverse members of the congregation. Every person, from every walk of life, ethnic background, or generation, is welcome.

In these gatherings, your community can come and “try out” a new worship environment. A Celtic Liturgy Service, an Acoustic Worship Gathering, A Classical Night Of Worship, A Special Communion Service – each of these is an example of an event created to serve a unique vision of gathered worship.

If Sunday is the meat-and-potatoes of our discipleship, the Buffet Approach adds flavor and diversity, spice and seasoning, to the table. If many people end up choosing the new event over Sunday, it may be telling you something.

In this approach, tastes and traditions are celebrated, and everyone can try something new.



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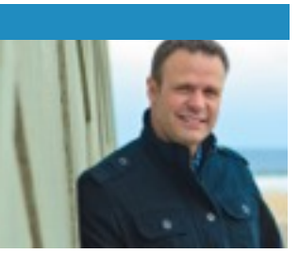
IDEA 3 - THE A LA CARTE APPROACH

In the A La Carte Approach, you are actually creating specific worship events for a select group of people in your community.

Language-Based Worship events, Youth Worship Nights, Seniors Evenings, Acoustic Worship Circles For College Students – all of these are examples of the A La Carte Approach.

While we desire the multi-generational connection that Sunday morning can bring, that doesn't mean we should write off the differences that help us each connect very deeply with our faith through certain styles and settings.

It is good for us to create different access points that serve a unique need – and people group – in our community.



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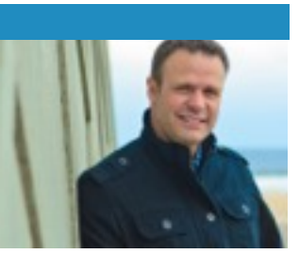
IDEA 4 - GIVE A WHIRL.

Having talked about that fresh idea with your other leaders, having told the congregation that what is happening is an experiment, and having entrusted the event to those leading it, *live on the ragged edge*.

Clear communication beforehand, both to the leaders and to those attending, can help everyone to both manage expectations and clear the way for a successful attempt.

Once deciding that it's time for a new event to begin, plan to do events (that are intended to be consistent) for *at least 6 months* before evaluating their effectiveness. Prepare well for launch, and give it the best chance for success you can possibly give.

Put a beginning, and an end, to the experiment; then evaluate.



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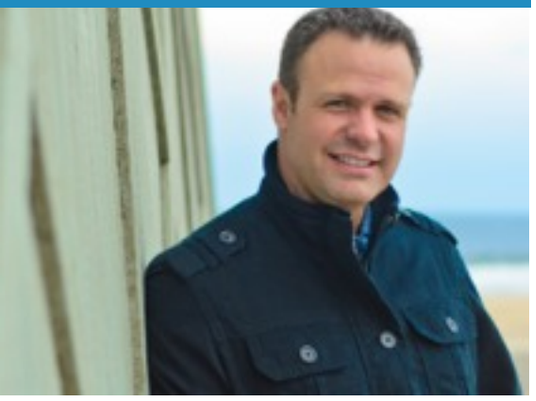
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