The SOUND TECH Cheat Sheet



7 quick reminders to keep you focused as you're about to run sound.

[for tablets and smart phones]

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Put this cheat sheet on your iPad or smart phone, and review within 10 minutes before you're about to run sound – every time you run sound.

Quick Reminder #1

Mix up a batch of beautiful.

Your role in the band is to gather up all the sonic elements happening that morning, and to mix them in a way that amplifies the very best of what the band is putting out.

Your goal is to take the ingredients given, and to serve your community by bringing out power, beauty, and worship from the band.

Quick Reminder #2

Be easy to work with.

You are serving the worship leader, the band, the pastor(s), and this community by taking your place and mixing the sound for worship and the spoken word.

Lighten the stress and load of others by caring for the details with a generous spirit.

Quick Reminder #3

Lead with humility.

When running sound, there are many opinions in the room. All matter, but few count when it comes to what you do. Listen to those who are ultimately in charge of the gathered experience, and lean toward what they ask of you. It will all work out.

Quick Reminder #4

Ride the board.

There are many musical moments that will happen today that will never come again. Listen for them, and when they happen, be artful in the way you bring them out and give them space. Ride the faders, and pay attention to what is happening in the room.

Quick Reminder #5

Create the energy.

In today's worship world, some prefer an immersive sound (typically louder with more energy behind the music) and some prefer the accompaniment sound (typically quieter and with more deference to the voices). Know your pastor's desire, and as able, put great energy behind the music with good mixing.

Quick Reminder #6

Try one new thing.

For this set, is there one new thing you could do to hear what is happening better in the room? Maybe visit a section of the seats during the set you wouldn't normally visit? Maybe smile at the band and worship leader so they feel like you're engaged with the entire team? Try something new.

Quick Reminder #7

Love what you do.

What you are about to do is a privilege. The sound tech role is not a right or even an opportunity for you to express your ministry. Love that you get to worship with your technical skills. Love that you get to serve your leader and this band. Love that you get to lead God's people in worship. Ready, steady, go.

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