

Example of: Spiritual Growth for the Worshipper (Leader Guide)

(Useful Information for effectively leading this Worship Workshop...)

Time: 2 Hours (Full Workshop) OR 10 – 15 Min. per week (Weekly Devotionals)

Audience: Entire Worship Team

Supplies: Bible, Pen, Paper, Leader Guide, Team Edition copies (1 per team member)

Suggestions: Ask team members to read along in their Bibles and ask for volunteers to read the scripture passages. (Don't mention the "theme" of the verse / passage until 'after' the scripture has been read and summarized by the team members.) This workshop is intended to be introspective, especially during "A Closer Look" and "What Next" sections.

Alternative: It may work better for your team to break the Workshop up and do it as a "mini – devotional" at each practice. In this case, use one of the passages for each week. Devotional times will likely vary from 10 – 15 minutes each.

Guides: (Visual Guides for the participants...)



Questions: Pertains to the scripture passage here.



A Closer Look: Main Points designed to challenge us.



What Next: Commitment to continue growing spiritually.

Welcome! (This is to warm up your Worship Team / audience...)

I'm glad to be with you today! I am very excited about this workshop. The workshop is designed to challenge and stretch us in our <u>personal walk with Christ</u>. I encourage you to take notes and refer back to them often to refresh yourself on these critical topics.

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(Sample Module from this Workshop...)

Nehemiah 1:1 – 3:2 – (Alternative - Devotional #2)

Theme: Nehemiah and the Sheep Gate



Questions: (Reference map below)

- Can someone briefly give me a rundown or synopsis of this passage?
- Can someone please read the last two verses: Nehemiah 3:1 2?
- What happened in these two verses?
- Who is the FIRST person to help here?
- Why the Sheep Gate?
- Why not the Fish Gate or Horse Gate?
- Why didn't they start with the Broad Wall or Castle Tower?
- What's so important about the Sheep Gate?



A Closer Look:

- The Sheep Gate was where sheep were brought in as a sacrifice.
- More specifically, sheep were brought in to be sacrificed as an "offering to God".
- The Sheep Gate was built FIRST to show the priority and importance of worship.
- The "High Priest", Eliashib, "led" the people in service here, not the servants!
- Leaders led not only in word, but also in action (in deed).

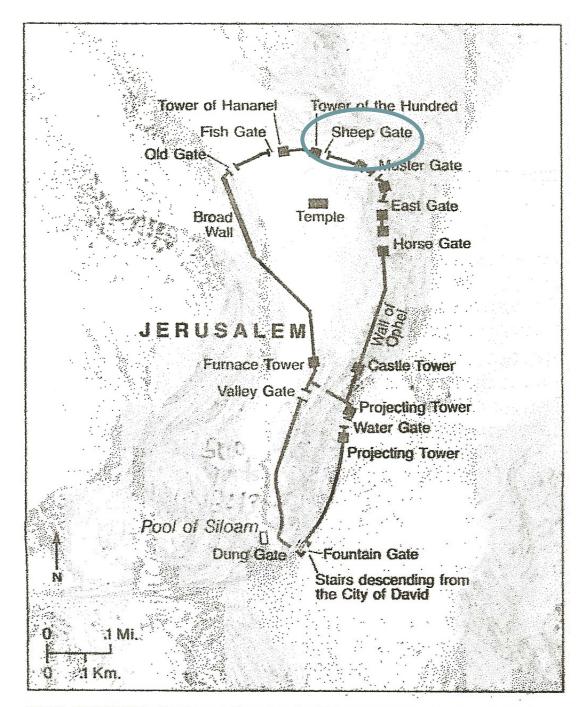


What Next?

- What do you, personally, put before worshipping God?
- Where do you feel you may be "too good" to serve, because you are a "leader"?
- Write down or make a mental note of this specific area (or two) and commit to humbling yourself and putting God absolutely #1, above anything else.

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THE RESTORATION OF THE CITY WALLS Nehemiah takes us on a counter-clockwise tour around Jerusalem (beginning with the Sheep Gate). He describes for us each section, gate, and tower on the wall and who worked to rebuild it.

(From the NIV Bible – Reference Section)

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