

SONG WRITING



Activity: Write a 'Cell Song'

Equipment: Large sheet of paper/roll of lining paper, felt tip/marker pens, A4 paper, biro's

Time: 20-30 min?

1. Pray together. This will focus everyone on the reason for doing the task.
2. Sing the tune of a well known, simple chorus through to remind everyone of the melody. This can be done a cappella or with accompaniment.
Eg. 'Father, we adore You', 'This is the air I breathe', 'He is Lord'
'Spirit of the Sovereign God', 'Men of Faith (Shout to the north)'
'In my life, Lord be glorified', 'He is the Lord (Show Your power)'
3. Read a verse which introduces the theme.
Eg. **Compassion** (1 Peter 3: 8, Luke 10: 25-37 & 15: 20, Lev 19: 33, Matt 9: 36 & 14: 14, Prov 21: 13, Col 3: 11 - 13)
Justice (Zech 7: 8 - 10, Hosea 12: 6, Amos 5: 24, Luke 18: 7, Isa 42: 1, Isa 61: 7 - 9, Jer 9: 24 & 21: 12, Prov 29: 7, Isaiah 1: 17,)
Mercy (Rom 12: 1 & 7 -9, Mic 7: 18 - 19, Matt 5: 7 & 9: 12 - 13, Hosea 6: 6, Luke 1: 49 - 51, Matt 18: 33, Jude 1: 22 - 24)
4. Take a theme and write it in the centre of a large sheet of paper & brainstorm words, phrases, thoughts which are linked to the word in the centre. This could also include verses & stories from the Bible / real life experiences & testimonies
5. In two's or three's take an idea or two from the large sheet and write a lyric to the melody of the song above. When you have chosen your idea, cross it off the large sheet so no-one else does the same thing. You may find that there are several ideas which could be linked together so that each verse follows on from the last or develops a concept.
6. Write each groups 'verse' on another large sheet of paper in the middle of the room. Look at them together and read them out loud. Decide on the best order for them to go in. This is not a time for other groups to rewrite other peoples work.
7. Sing/read the new song through together a couple of times. The group may feel more comfortable reading the song through together than singing it.
8. Pray to finish asking God to help us sing the new songs we observe in our daily lives.
9. It would be great to receive the Cell Songs so that we could put them on the website.