



Shorter Study

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Reflection Questions:

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3. What would be the process in your church/denomination if an error in teaching arose? Are all errors dealt with in the same way?

Practical Questions:

1. Do you feel equipped to evaluate a sermon well? How do you determine what a “good sermon” is?
2. What are the criteria for good worship songs?
3. How well do your worship ministry members understand the theology behind corporate worship? Is there a need for training in this area?
4. Musical excellence has become a very big focus in the contemporary church. How can you encourage your congregation not to become too distracted by, or fixated on, worship music that might not reach the same mark as more accomplished churches?



5. Alternatively, some churches are content with poorly played music and culturally-irrelevant music styles. How can a church be encouraged to improve this part of their ministry?

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Notes:
