

# Building a Band

**Fusion Workshop**  
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## OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

This hands-on workshop demonstrates how to assemble a worship band using any combination of vocalists and instrumentalists. We will explore configurations from small duos to full ensembles, showing you how to maximize your volunteer talent and adapt arrangements to fit your church's culture.

## OBJECTIVES

1. Demonstrate effective ensemble configurations for various team sizes
2. Explore how rhythm, melody, and harmony interact in a modern band arrangement
3. Apply strategies for developing volunteer musicians within your worship ministry

## OUTLINE

1. Foundations of Ensemble Sound
  - a. Rhythm, Melody, and Harmony (Interactive "drum circle" exercise)
  - b. Painting a Musical Picture: Dynamic contrast and space (handout)
2. Maximizing Your Current Resources
  - a. Assessing your ministry's current style and musical culture
  - b. Creative arrangements for non-standard setups ("Thinking outside the box")
3. Expanding and Elevating the Team
  - a. Identifying rhythm and timing skills in volunteers
  - b. Keep it simple
  - c. No one part is greater than the other
  - d. Advanced ideas (using tracks to support, doubling instruments, non-traditional instruments, etc.)
4. Q&A & Key Takeaways