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Irresistible Church Training

For Disability Ministry



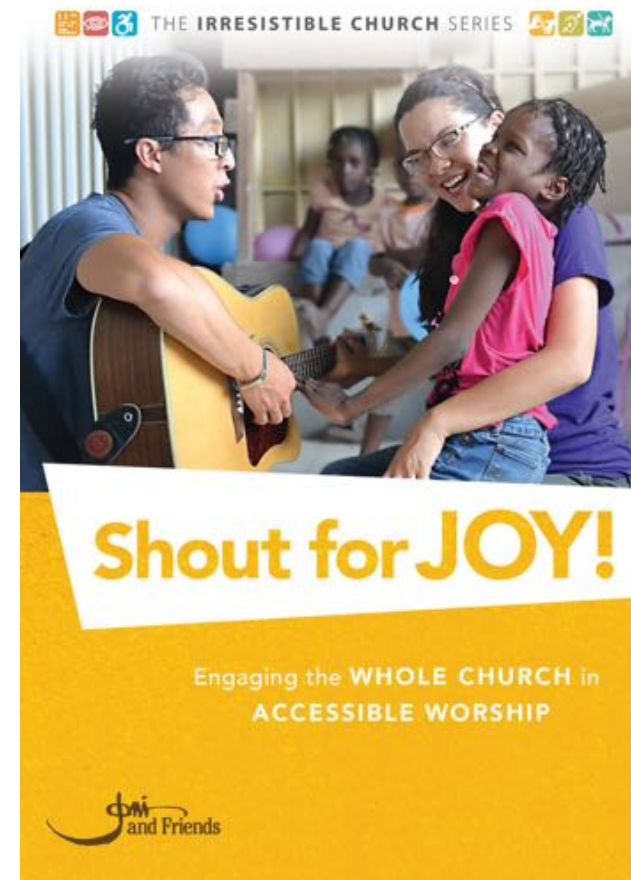
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Shout for JOY!

“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD, he is GOD! It is he who made us and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.”

—Psalms 100: 1-3





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Worship as an Accessible Conversation- Rhythm of Revelation and Response

- God invites each of us to enter his presence
- We respond
- Fellow sheep





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The 5 Stages of Changing Attitudes

1. Ignorance
2. Pity
3. Care
4. Friendships
5. Co-laborers





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Worship as an Accessible Conversation--Acceptance



- What can the individual do?
- How does the individual take information in?
- How does the individual get information out?
- What movements can the person do?
- Does the individual have any sensory sensitivities?
- What supports might be important?

(Barbara Newman—*Accessible Gospel, Inclusive Worship*)



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Acceptance

- Virtual tours
- Off-hours tour
- Planning ahead





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How to be Accessible to All in Worship

- Seating
- Stage
- Visuals
- Audio aids
- Training
- Sensory accommodations





How to Plan Accessible Worship

Four main patterns:

1. Gathering
2. Word
3. Response
4. Sending





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Gathering

- Words of welcome
- Call to worship
- Opening prayer
- Expressions of praise
- Confession and assurance of forgiveness





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Word

- Scripture reading
- Sermon or message
- Message on suffering
- Testimonies





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Matthew 6:9





Response

- Communion
- Baptism
- Offering
- Service





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The Sending

Becoming
CO-LABORERS!!





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A Benediction

- Accessible Conversation—Rhythm of Revelation and Response
- All abilities together—the whole church
- “My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”





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