

Flat: Why Music Fails in Church



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Music is a powerful tool that can be used to connect with God, express our faith, and build community. But too often, the music in our churches is flat. It fails to connect with our hearts and minds, and it leaves us feeling bored and disconnected.

In his book *Flat: Why Music Fails in Church*, Bob Kauflin argues that the problem with church music is not the music itself, but the way it is used. He identifies four main reasons why music fails in church:

1. **We're not singing the right songs.** Many of the songs we sing in church are too complex, too repetitive, or too shallow. They don't connect with our hearts and minds, and they don't help us to worship God.
2. **We're not singing them well.** Even if we have good songs, we often don't sing them well. We sing off-key, we mumble the words, and we

don't put any passion into it. This makes it difficult for people to connect with the music and to worship God.

3. **We're not using music in the right way.** Music is not just a performance. It's a tool that can be used to lead people into worship, to teach them about God, and to build community. But we often use music in the wrong way. We use it to entertain people, to promote our own agendas, or to create a certain atmosphere. This prevents us from using music to its full potential.
4. **We're not taking music seriously.** Many churches don't take music seriously. They don't invest in good musicians, they don't provide adequate training, and they don't give music the time and attention it deserves. This sends the message that music is not important, and it leads to flat music.

Kauflin offers a number of practical solutions for creating music that is both meaningful and engaging. He suggests that we:

- **Choose songs that are simple, singable, and meaningful.**
- **Sing them well, with passion and accuracy.**
- **Use music in the right way, to lead people into worship, to teach them about God, and to build community.**
- **Take music seriously, by investing in good musicians, providing adequate training, and giving music the time and attention it deserves.**

Flat: Why Music Fails in Church is a must-read for anyone who cares about the music in their church. Kauflin's insights are both insightful and practical,

and they can help you to create music that is truly meaningful and engaging.

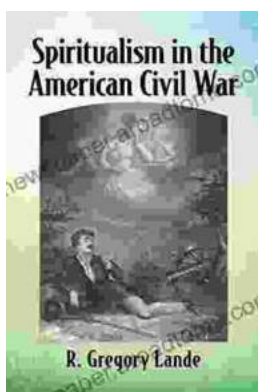
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