

GUIDELINES ON HOW TO DO LSS BAPTISM EXHORTATION (BY ROGER SANTIAGO - APRIL 2011)

Dear Praise Ministry/LSS Team:

Below, please find the flow and the songs of our Exhortation in the Baptism in the Spirit rites this Saturday afternoon. Please note that as usual we might not follow all the steps described here and therefore we might not sing all the songs because the movement is dependent on how the Holy Spirit will move in touching/healing the lambs. **I will play it by "ear" as the Holy Spirit moves.** I will coordinate with the Praise Ministry very well if we have to skip some songs and jump to the next stage. I will approach praise ad-hoc to coach you on which verses to repeat or which song to skip to if need be as we go along. **Spontaneity is very key here.** Be ready to change the songs as I see fit but you will know because my prayers will lead to the new song. The songs are in bold italics. The movements and songs are as follows:

A. Tilling/Opening the Heart to the Holy Spirit:

1. I will invoke the Holy Spirit to be upon us - to come upon the lambs in particular. First song - We will start with "*Spirit of the Living God Fall Afresh on Me.. melt me, mold me, fill me, use me..*"
2. I will continue to pray to the Holy Spirit, then we shift to "*Come O Lord and Overflow us with Your Love*", then "*with with Your Healing*", then "*with Your Spirit*". After each verse Praise Ministry will pray in sustained tongues.

B. Shepherding/Catching the Flock (Procession starts):

At this time I will give the sign for the silent procession of shepherds and catchers to begin pouring in to the baptism hall and position themselves on the sides of the candidates praying in tongues with us. The candidates will remain seated, with eyes closed, hands on laps. Shepherds continue to pray in silence for their lambs. There should be no noise whatsoever as the procession goes on.

C. Invoking the Spirit for Healing (Prayers and Songs):

3. Then I will pray a contrition Prayer, asking God to search my heart for areas in my life that need to be healed by Him, followed by the song "*Search Me Oh God*". At this point, I will ask the lambs to stand up and offer themselves to God's Healing and Mercy.
4. (**NOTE:** My healing prayers will depend on the actual cases of the lambs' prayer needs that I will have obtained from the LSS Shepherd Coordinator. My prayers will put myself as the one beseeching God for his healing and mercy, cleansing me as white as snow.)
5. Then I will pray that God softens my heart which only He can test, and my mind

which only He can probe (Jer. 17:10), followed by the song "*Soften my Heart*".

6. Then I will pray that God take full control of my life, to forgive me for all my sins, guide me to His path, as I surrender all my entire being, all my faculties to His healing power and tender mercies, followed by the song "*I Surrender All*".
 - 6a. Depending on how the lambs are being touched by the Holy Spirit (getting slain or receiving their gift of tongues or groaning while still standing or simply crying/weeping/howling), I will decide whether I should continue to pray for healing. If still very few are being touched, I will continue to pray for a renewed heart from God, a heart that hides His Word so that sin may not come in, followed by the song "*A Pure Heart*".
 - 6b. Optional 1) If many are still unmoved, I will pray for the cleansing power of the Blood of the Lamb followed by the song "*Have Mercy On Me O God/Change my Heart O God*" so that even if my heart may be scarlet because of sin, God will make it whiter than snow...
 - 6c. Optional 2) If still many are unmoved, I will continue to pray asking God to cleanse me, purify me, give a pure heart for I never want to be the same wretched person that I am, followed by the song "*Renew My Heart Lord Jesus*".

D. Loving God for His Healing and Mercy:

7. Then if half or more of the lambs are already slain, I will begin to praise and worship God, followed by a love song to the Lord, ie, "*Lord I Love You, You Alone Did Hear My Cry*" which segues to "*You Are the God That Healeth Me.*" or by "*O Lord Your Tenderness*".

(NOTE: At this point, I will ask the lambs to all stand up and the lights to be lit so as to give the ambiance of darkness (of sin) coming to God's marvelous Light).

E. Worshiping the God We Love:

8. I will sustain the praising mood then segue to a worship God singing "*I Worship You Almighty God*" that leads to the song "*And I Exalt Thee*". Prayers or singing in tongues, shabbak will ensue with great abandon (uninhibitedly).
9. Still during glorious praying in tongues, shabak, tehilas by all Praise Ministry, auxies, and most especially by the shepherds who will endeavor to prompt their individual lambs to use their newly received gifts of tongues and exhortation. I will lead my final exhortation to praise, thank and worship God for what He is and for what blessings He showers us with and for His Holy and Mighty Presence in our midst at this moment by singing "*O the Glory of Your Presence*". Praying/singing in tongues again follow, no let up.

F. Quiet Time:

This is the highest moment, very quiet, for the lambs to hear God's voice. It's the communion of God's Spirit with ours. Gifts from God may overflow, actual healing takes place, prophecies may be proclaimed...etc.

(Allow 3 to 5 minutes of silence).

G. Glorifying Our God Who Heals Us:

10. As the tongues subside, I will pray that the whole congregation of renewed men and women in this place give all the honor, all the power, all Praise and all GLORY to our GOD by singing "*Glory to the Lamb*", which is to be immediately followed by "*To God be the Glory*".

H. End of Exhortation:

11. Brothers and sisters in Jesus, let us give a big round of clap offering to our HEALING GOD! HALLELUJAH! God bless us all! AMEN!

Should you have questions or other ideas please email me or text me.

Yours in Christ Who is our Strength!

Roger (and Irma)