# What Is a Win for Sound in Our Services

Defining a win helps us see, in a practical way, whether we are living out the vision God has given our church or not. With a clear definition, we can give meaningful feedback week to week — not vague comments like “the mix was great” or “the team crushed it,” but specific reasons *why*.

A win sounds like this: *the mix was distraction-free, the vocals were clear, and the team used their gifting with purpose and excellence.* Clear wins help us celebrate the right things and stay aligned on what matters most.

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**Gather** on Sundays to connect to Jesus

**Serve** on the Crew to reflect the Person of Jesus

**Grow** outside of Sundays to better know the Person of Jesus

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Here are our wins for running sound:

## Distraction-Free Environment

- The goal isn’t a perfect service — it’s a focused one. A win is when sound doesn’t pull attention away from what’s happening in the room. Every element of the mix should support the moment rather than become something people notice or think about.

## Clear and Confident Vocals

- The worship leader should be easy to follow. Vocals need to be clear, understandable, and out front enough to lead the room. Background vocals should blend and support without taking over or creating confusion.

## Smooth and Intentional Transitions

- Moving from song to speaking and back again should feel seamless. Clean mutes, timely fader moves, and consistent levels help the service flow naturally without jarring or distracting moments. Smooth transitions keep the room engaged.

## Live-Recording Consistency

- The mix should reflect the feel of the live worship recordings people already know. This brings familiarity, stability, and musicality to the room. The “COF sound” should feel consistent week to week, even with different volunteers mixing.

## Connection to Jesus

- This is the ultimate win. When the sound reinforces the environment of worship — free of distraction, clear, musical, and familiar — it helps people stay present and connect with Jesus.