



Shechem Theatre Ensemble Training Event for Beginning to Intermediate Performers & Groups

The Theatre Ensemble Retreat is designed for churches who are ready to incorporate theatre as part of their worship services. Shechem will use this focused time to hone the skill of your players. This particular schedule is geared toward the beginning to intermediate actor. Emphasis is placed on individuals gaining confidence and believability with conventional scripts and characters. Please have 2 to 3 ensemble performance scripts selected for your group. Each person should have a role or two in mind to work on for the weekend. No prior rehearsals are necessary before the event.

Day 1

- 4–6p Arrival
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:30 Group Meeting & Worship Celebration
- 9:00 Game Time

Day 2

- 8:00a Breakfast
- 9:00 Movement Session 1
- 10:00 Studio Session 1 – Bravery, Imagination, & Emotion
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:30 Break Time (hike, nap, shop, etc)
- 2:00 Studio Session 2 – Objectives, Obstacles, & Tactics
- 3:30 Break Time (breathe, get some coffee, etc)
- 3:45 Studio Session 3 – The Character: Mind, Body, & Text
- 5:30 Dinner
- 7:00 Individual Rehearsals
- 9:00 Group Meeting and Worship
- 10:00 Game Time

Day 3

- 8:00a Breakfast
- 9:00 Movement Session 2
- 10:00 Final Rehearsals
- 11:00 Presentation in corporate worship service

How to know if this is an event appropriate for your group...

This event requires:

- 1 main worship area large enough to accommodate the group
- 3 *open* break-out spaces (minimum) with ample lighting, privacy, & movement space

- dining space
- break time options
- this event is appropriate for the ambitious theatre ensemble of adults, college, and/or high school students who are serious about the potential of theatre in worship

Estimated Expenses:

- break out session supplies - \$100
- miscellaneous retreat supplies - \$100
- travel expenses – \$.445/mi (or standard federal reimbursement mileage amount) and \$10/person/meal
- lodging - \$100/double occupancy room or church provided housing if appropriate
 - this event requires a minimum of 4 Shechem Ministries staff

(Some expenses can be lower and rest assured we will be as cost effective as possible while maintaining an excellent program)