

Notes For Teaching and Preaching Team

VISION OF TEAM

Our goal is to have a team of mature, seasoned believers who can contribute to the teaching ministry of SWC church and in the wider body of Christ.

We believe it is an incredible privilege to speak and minister the word of God. We want everyone teaching to look at it through that lens. We ask that you take this seriously and prepare thoroughly. We want this group to be those who have a passion to learn, grow and have a teachable spirit.

CONDITIONS FOR TEAM MEMBERS

- Membership at Sturbridge Worship Center for a minimum of 6 months.
- Regular church attendance
- Committed to tithing to the local church
- Being willing to serve in a practical (non glamorous) area of the church (cleaning team, building or grounds)
- Walking in humility and a teachable spirit
- Commitment to the general standards of ministry (available on our church website)
- Commitment to walk free from offense and unforgiveness
- Willingness to learn and grow in your understanding of the message of faith

PREPARATION

Please read through these notes in the 24 hours before you speak.

Please take preparation seriously. If you are going to speak for 40 mins we recommend you put 5 hour minimum in a prep. time.

We are asking everyone speaking on a Wednesday evening to post their sermon notes on the team page **10 days** before the speaking date at the latest. If you do not do this the leader will reschedule your date.

We are asking everyone speaking on a Sunday morning (9:25am) evening to post their sermon notes on the team page **2 days** before the speaking date at the latest. If you do not do this the leader will reschedule your date.

We have added an example of teaching notes at the end of this sheet. If anyone is struggling with sermon preparation please talk to Graham. We are there to help and support you.

STAY WITHIN THE INVITATION

Please do not “grandstand” or try to put on a show. We are inviting you as a member of the church to teach/preach the Bible from a place of humility. It is important that you allow the word to do the work and not seek to be dramatic or theatrical. Please preach Jesus, not yourself.

Please do not use the time given to teach to make comments about the instructions for teachers or the idea that you will be getting feedback. The invitation is to teach the Bible, not to share your thoughts on the invitation to teach or mention or compare yourself with other.

If you have been invited to speak please stay within the permissions of that invitation. If in doubt please ask and do not assume. Here are some guidelines to help:

Please respect (or stay under the allotted timeframe). For a Sunday morning main service and Wed evening the target time would be 40 mins max. Please make sure you do not exceed this. For the short teaching after the prayer meeting the limit is 10 mins. Please do not use the time given to teach to make comments on the fact you have a time limit.

Please avoid talking about controversial areas or doctrines. This does not mean that the church will not address these areas but that is not part of *your* invitation to do so. If in any doubt please check with a leader before teaching.

If you have been invited to speak, please do not use that time to pray for people, prophesy, recommend resources, worship etc.

At the end of the sermon please hand the service to the person leading. You may participate as part of the altar team but there is not an invitation to do solo ministry.

Please observe microphone discipline and stay in the designate area for video livestream.

We encourage you to use up to one sheet of bullet point notes, but not to come and try to read pages of notes when speaking.

Please be punctual at the meeting you are speaking at.

We ask that everyone wishing to speak at the Sunday prayer meeting and Wednesday service commit to attend those services at least once a month (when not speaking) and support other speakers.

ABIDING IN CHRIST I

INTRO

- The invitation during the month of October to join us for 31 days of abiding.
- Beware of thinking that we already understand this teaching.
- This could be the most life-changing message a Christian could ever encounter.
- We are admonished to approach this message with hunger and humility.

THE AVERAGE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Col 2:6 As you have therefore received Christ, [even] Jesus the Lord, [so] walk (regulate your lives and conduct yourselves) in union with and conformity to Him.

- The average Christian life begins with joy and anticipation.
- The average Christian life often becomes one of doubt and frustration.
- We try many things to resolve this inner conflict.

HOW JESUS LIVED

Jn 10:30 - I and my Father are one.

- Jesus lived in perfect, unbroken fellowship with His Father.
- Jesus said, "I can do nothing myself," and then He did everything.
- Jesus was absolutely one with the Father at all times.
- Jesus never strived or struggled to do anything.
- The life of the Father flowed through His Son in unbroken fellowship, up until the cross.

THE HIGHER CHRISTIAN LIFE

Ps 18:32&33

It is God who girds me with strength,
And makes my way perfect.
He makes my feet like the feet of deer,
And sets me on my high places.

- The life that Jesus lived on Earth, He gave up at Calvary so that we might experience that life in this present evil world.
- Jesus states that He is the vine, and we are the branches.
- Reducing the Christian life to what is merely possible devalues it.
- To be a Christian is to lay down our life and have the life of Jesus flow in and through us.
- The greatest challenge facing the Church today is learning the disciplines of resting and abiding in Jesus.

SERMON TITLE. (All Capps)

Scripture passage. (Lower case)

INTRODUCTION (All Capps)

I. MAIN POINT (All Capps)

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II. MAIN POINT (All Capps)

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CONCLUSION (All Capps)

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- The goal of the notes is for the reader to follow and make sure sermon both understandable and a basis for future study.
- If you are using scripture passages, add the text (NKJV) and not just the reference.
- Please use just 1 sentence per line.
- Make sure each sentence makes sense on its own and is grammatical.
- Only biblical statements, no colloquialisms.
- Only write in the third person.
- Do not do 1 word lines

Please ask Graham if you do not understand or are unsure of anything. (Please do not ask anyone else.)