

## 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 (10% of actual income/budget).
- Willing to serve in a practical (non-glamorous) area of the church (cleaning team, building team, greeting team, children's ministry, etc.).
- Walking in humility and maintaining a teachable spirit.
- Commitment to the general standards of ministry (available on our church website).
- Commitment to walk free from all offense and unforgiveness.

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

Please do not use the time given to teach to make comments about the instructions for teachers. The invitation is to teach the Bible, not to share your thoughts about the invitation itself or to compare yourself with others.

If you have been invited to speak, please stay within the parameters of that invitation. When in doubt, please ask — do not assume. Please respect and stay within the allotted timeframe. If you are unsure what the timeframe is, please ask.

Please avoid speaking on controversial areas or doctrines. This does not mean the church will never address these topics, only that this is not the purpose of your invitation. If in 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, lead worship, or etc. At the end of the sermon, please hand the service back to the person leading. You may serve as part of the altar team, but there is no invitation for solo ministry.

Please observe microphone discipline and stay within the designated area for video livestream.

You may use up to one sheet of bullet-point notes, but do not come and attempt to read pages of notes when speaking.

Please do not hand out any teaching notes, scriptures, or resources.

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

## CALENDAR PROCEDURE

To reserve a date, print your name on the calendar at the connection table **this evening**.

Write down the date for yourself as no reminders are sent.

Please do not remove the calendar or post photos of it in the group chat.

If in an emergency you need to reschedule, please tell us on chat (not just change the calendar).

## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

There are four simple procedures to follow:

- I. Read through the Wednesday evening notes on the day you teach and post in the chat that you have done so by 6:30 p.m.
- II. Start promptly at 7:00 p.m
- III. Prepare four segments of 5–7 minutes maximum to teach, and begin an audible timer/alarm **before** you start speaking. Make a clear, biblical point and declaration at the beginning of each segment.
- IV. Prepare 2–3 discussion questions after each teaching segment. Lead this time, asking people to share a brief 30-second response. If the conversation runs dry with you questions, ask if the group have questions.

## DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

After each teaching time, open the room for discussion:

- Ask a clear question about the material taught — not testimonies or personal stories.
- Ask for a show of hands before beginning discussion and only call on raised hands.
- Remind everyone of the 30-second sharing limit; everyone may contribute multiple times.
- After one round, first call on those who have not yet spoken.
- The teacher leads the room — gently steer if needed.
- The teacher does not teach during discussion; save thoughts for your next segment.
- You may adjust your question to encourage deeper participation.
- Additional rounds are welcome as long as the discussion remains focused.
- During the last Q&A session ask if anyone in the group has questions about the subject.

Aim to finish at 8 p.m. At that time, release anyone who needs to leave, although others may continue discussions informally.

Please do not add anything at the end of the Bible study (prayer, ministry, silence, prophecy, don't ask for feedback from the group). *Stay within the invitation.*

## FEEDBACK

Graham, Kathy, and Matt will provide feedback on both teaching and guideline adherence.

## OTIS

Otis is now part of a different team. Talk to Graham if you are interested in joining this team.

## **SUNDAY MORNING TEACHING**

As part of the team, you may teach during the 10-minute slot at the end of the prayer meeting at 9:25 a.m. on Sundays.

- To reserve a teaching spot, see the calendar this evening.
- Follow normal subject guidelines.
- Start on time. Finish by 9:35 a.m. at the latest.

## **OTHER TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES**

Other contexts include: men's/ladies' fellowship, youth, children, New England Fellowship, and main Sunday service.

Please ask for details, and be sure to fully understand the invitation and timeframe.

Foundations  
Worship

The Holy Spirit  
The Word of God  
The Finished Work of Christ  
The New Creation  
Righteousness  
Your Identity in Christ  
Renewing the Mind  
The Power of Your Words  
Prayer  
Love  
The Name of Jesus  
The Blood of Jesus  
Authority and Dominion  
Healing and Divine Health  
Grace vs. Law  
Finances and Stewardship  
The Great Commission/evangelism