

THE WORD OF GOD

(10-15 minutes maximum. No poster. No discussion. This talk is given by an outside team member.)

Please limit your talk to the time allowed for this talk. In order to successfully complete the program every effort must be made to be on schedule. Time is of the essence and your cooperation is extremely important.

Open with a short prayer.

Purpose: To familiarize the men with the Bible in general and provide some sharing of the importance the Bible has played in your own life. This is not a witness talk. Your presentation must be straight to the point and alive. Get their attention.

Points to cover:

1. Briefly explain the preceding ceremony when the Bible was enthroned. Why is this done? We will start each day with the same ceremony. Why?
2. Why was the Bible written?
3. What does it mean that the Bible is the inspired Word of God?
4. What separates the Old from the New Testament (birth of Christ)?
5. How is the Bible set up? Old vs New Testament, Books, Chapters, verses.
6. What are some of the different styles of writing: poetry, teachings, laws, etc.
7. What does the Bible mean to you? How do you use it? Give some examples.
8. How has God revealed Himself to you through the Bible?
9. Briefly explain the following ceremony when each man will receive his own Bible.

NOTE: The first table discussion will be after the Ideals and Maturity talk but you may want to give the men the option to discuss this talk instead. To do this ask the men to write down two or three questions leading into the table discussion. This will provoke and stimulate the discussion and the table leader will take it from there.

Immediately after this talk the Lay Director will proceed with the Bible Ceremony and ask the Spiritual Director to bless the Bibles.