



The Brief.

Gospel Message Preaching Guideline



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We are so excited to have you preach at one of our events! This document exists to bring clarity to your brief as a guest preacher for our outreach events.

We recognise there are multiple ways to achieve great outcomes; however, we've spent time refining our methods to maximise effectiveness and receptivity across multiple denominations and faith expressions. Above all, our desire is to see young people become disciples of Jesus, and we know that God will use your ministry and gift to reach a generation for Jesus.

If you have any questions or would like further clarity, please reach out to one of our State Directors,

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Use the 'Romans Road'

The 'Romans Road' is a useful guide to ensure that we preach the essential truths of God's plan of salvation through Jesus. Taken together, these verses teach;

- a) Humanity's eternal separation from God
- b) The consequence of sin is death
- c) Jesus' substitutionary death on the cross
- d) The offer of salvation through faith in the resurrected Jesus
- e) Our response to accept the invitation of salvation

We ask that you incorporate these key truths, either by specifically referencing the verses below or by structuring your message so that it incorporates these key concepts.

Scriptures;

Romans 3:10 - None is righteous

Romans 3:23 - All have sinned

Romans 6:23 - The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life

Romans 5:8 - God demonstrates His love through Christ's death

Romans 10:9-10 - Confession and belief in the resurrection lead to salvation

Romans 8:1 - There is no condemnation in Christ

Romans 10:13 - Salvation is for everyone who believes

Please use these scriptures as a guide; you don't need to read through them as a part of your message.



Clearly Explain the Story of the Cross

At some point in your message, before the altar call, we ask that all speakers intentionally speak about the message of the Cross;

This includes that Jesus came to Earth, lived a sinless life, performed signs, wonders, and miracles, and willingly sacrificed Himself on the cross once and for all to pay the price of our sin. He didn't stay dead. He rose again three days later, conquering death, sin and shame so that we could be forgiven and set free etc.

The message should basically summarise John 3:16. Be sure to mention both the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Use a Physical Bible

Please bring a physical Bible onto the stage with you and open it while you preach (even if you're reading from an iPad). We want to encourage a culture that values the Word of God, and this is a simple way we can visually model it for the next generation.

The Gospel Should Be Central, Not an Add-On

Although many of the preachers we engage for Youth Alive events have a broad range of topics they can speak on, we request that all preachers deliver a clear Gospel message for our evangelistic outreach events. These messages should have a singular focus: preach the Gospel. To clarify, the entire message should centre on the Gospel, not just the altar call.





Altar Call Mechanics

1. Toward the end of the message, invite the worship team back to the platform. This could be as simple as saying, "I'd love to invite the worship team up now." Please make sure you communicate with the team before the service starts so you are all clear with your signals and cues.
2. Invite the room of teens to stand to their feet and then lead a moment with eyes closed and heads bowed. Emphasise that this is a personal time with 'no one looking around, just a few trusted leaders'.

Invite teens to raise their hand if they want to give their life to Jesus, follow Jesus, and make Him the Lord of their life. We ask that you include both first-time and recommitments (those who were once following Jesus, but have walked away from Him, and are choosing to come back). It's important not to rush this moment, to allow time for response.

When you give the response invitation, please be explicitly clear about what the teens are responding to: **"If you are away from God but want to repent and follow Him, if you want to make Jesus your Lord and Saviour, etc. We're not asking if you go to church, or if you're religious. We're asking if you are in right standing with God."** Communicate this in your own words, from the conviction of your heart.

The ushers/leaders will count hands raised during this moment. Please acknowledge the hands that are raised and be conscious of encouraging teens to keep them raised long enough for a quick count in each section of the room.



3. Ask every teen who raised their hand (to give their life to Jesus) to come to the front as a statement of faith for the decision they are making so that you can pray with them. This may take some time, especially in a large room. Feel free to encourage the room by asking, "Why don't you turn to your friend or whoever is next to you and ask, 'Do you want to go up?'" If they do, but are not feeling confident, why not offer to go with them for support?
4. Once they come to the front, lead them through a "repeat after me" salvation prayer (**Romans 10:9**). Please include in the prayer: "I believe you died on the cross and rose again."
5. After the "repeat after me" prayer, briefly pray corporately for the teens who have responded. Please don't draw out this prayer too long.

6. Depending on the specific event, we will either ask you to send teens out to the foyer for the response team to collect details and distribute Bibles etc., or the MC will conduct that moment. Please check specifics around this at individual events.

Before teens are invited out, it's imperative that our next steps are communicated from the platform: "Tell someone, read a Bible, get connected into a local church." This helps provide context as to why we are sending teens to the foyer to collect their details. Wording such as, "We want to help you tell someone. We'd love to give you a Bible if you don't have one, and we'd love to help get you connected into your local church or youth ministry" can help with this.



Video Example

Below is a link to a recording of the response moment from one of our large events to provide you with a visual example.
youthalivevictoria.com.au/altarcalleexample

Additional Note

Youth Alive events operate on a very tight schedule to accommodate those travelling by bus and advertised parent-pickup times. Running over your allocated time for the message will create logistical issues, so we kindly ask that you respect the time boundary at each event.

Thank You

Lastly, we want to reiterate that we FULLY trust you with the platform.

We know God is going to move through you – it's on your life. We take great care and consideration in selecting who we ask to speak at our events, and we believe you are God's chosen person for this. The information above is simply meant to help set you up for the best possible win within our format.

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