

INTRODUCTION TO PREACHING

Give the teen guys in your youth group an introduction to preaching and give them opportunities to speak.

SCRIPTURE CHALLENGES

During a retreat or an activity, assign a teen to give a Scripture challenge. The challenge should last three to five minutes and include at least one verse with a key point, which the speaker should challenge the other teens to live.

MINUTE MESSAGES

In preparing your teen guys to begin the process of sharing God's Word, give them a minute to present a truth from a chosen selection of the Bible. They must read it, then prepare for a minute to present the truth, then speak for one minute. The shortness of time takes some of the pressure off, yet it gives them an opportunity to share a truth from God's Word.

A SIMPLE MESSAGE OUTLINE

1. **Introduction**—an opening story, illustration, or question which introduces the point of the message. Tell the audience where you are going.
2. **Passage**—the place in the Scripture from which you are presenting a biblical truth.
3. **Timeless truth or proposition**—this is the truth you are presenting from the Scripture. (For example, you must respond to the love of God. You must see that God's Word must be obeyed.)
4. **Interrogative**—how, why, and when? (For example, why must I see that God's Word is important?)
5. **Main points proving the timeless truth**—it is the part of the message that proves the timeless truth.
6. **Conclusion**—the conclusion tells the audience where they have been and directs how they should respond.

HOMEGROWN SKITS THAT TEACH

Skits can be a great way to get the teens to participate in making a point of something important. Divide the group into groups of three to six and give them a truth to present in a skit form. Give them some guidelines for appropriateness if necessary.

You may choose to demonstrate how teens can be unkind to others in a youth group. You may give them a specific situation to act out, or you may let them come up with the situation. We used skits to demonstrate the purpose statement of our youth group.

- Win the lost
- Walk in truth and obedience to God's Word
- Welcome teens to Christian fellowship
- Worship the Lord
- Work for the Lord

We had our teens illustrate how not to accomplish our goals. You may choose to illustrate the positives.