Breaking of Bread, Seminar

01.28.23

Luke 22:19 *“…do this in remembrance of Me”*



Agenda

The importance of the BoB, 8:30 – 8:45

General Practices, 8:45 – 9:05

Workshops (various rooms), 9:05 – 9:55

Wrap up (main auditorium), 9:55-10:00

BoB, its importance

General Practices

Prepare

1. Confess your sins and set your heart right before the Lord

1Cor. 11:27 *Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an* ***unworthy manner,*** *shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.*

1Cor. 11:28 *But a man* ***must examine*** *himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.*

Agenda

2. Come with an attitude of worshipping the Lord
3. Get in early and settle down before the 1st song
4. Do your QTs daily
5. Saturday evening prep time

Participate - Do's

1. Remember, it is a privilege to share during the BoB
2. Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you; avoid being impulsive
3. Practice reverence
4. Prepare in advance – nothing wrong with it!
5. Keep it simple
6. Share from the word
7. Illustrations – Limit it

Participate - Do's

8. Speak up
9. Select a hymn that draws out worship
10. Call out songs LOUDLY (song #, title)
11. Give preference to each other
12. Watch the clock

Watch the clock

- 9:35, Pray + Pass the bread (4 mins)
- 9:39, brief thought + pray (2 mins)
- 9:41, Pass the cup (4 min)
- 9:45, Share + pray (2 mins)
- 9:47, Pass the offering (3 mins)
- **9:50, announcements**

- Important for the sake of the other ministries
- To consider:
  - Keep the in between sharing to a minimum
  - Pray for the bread and the cup when you share close to passing the emblems
  - If you were to choose a song when the offering is passed, choose one that is short or select a limited number of verses
  - Don’t start sharing until the ushers have settled down

Participate – Don'ts

1. Don’t misuse Zoom
2. Don’t preach a sermon
3. Don’t feel you have to be profound
4. Don’t feel you need to have a devotion + prayer + hymn
5. Don’t feel intimidated by someone with more experience than you
6. Avoid setting patterns for yourself
7. Don’t pick a song while the emblems are passed; some may want to remember the Lord in quietness
8. Don’t feel you have to fill up quiet spaces
9. Don’t worry about doing things wrong or saying things wrong

Workshops groups

Group1:

- Have not shared once
- New believers

- Different options in sharing
- Developing QT
- Songs selection
- Tips to prepare and pray
- Practice Sessions

Main Auditorium

Group 2:

- Not scheduled to open

- Why share publicly
- How to share more profitably
- How to select and prepare something from the Word to share
- Do’s and don'ts
- Practice Sessions

New Bldg

Group 3:

- Those scheduled to open

- Importance of the Role
- Preparation tips
- Presentation tips
- Practice Sessions

Upper Room



Workshop - Open better



Objective:

- To share a devotional that will draw people's heart to worship the Lord
- Not to teach
- Not to preach
- To bring our minds to focus on Christ
  - His nature
  - His loftiness
  - His character
  - His sacrifice

"This do in remembrance of ME…"

Devotional

“A brief and simple exposition of a small portion of God’s word; inspirational; motivational; of direct application and often from direct observations from the text.”

What it is not?

- Sermon
- Teaching
- Exhortation

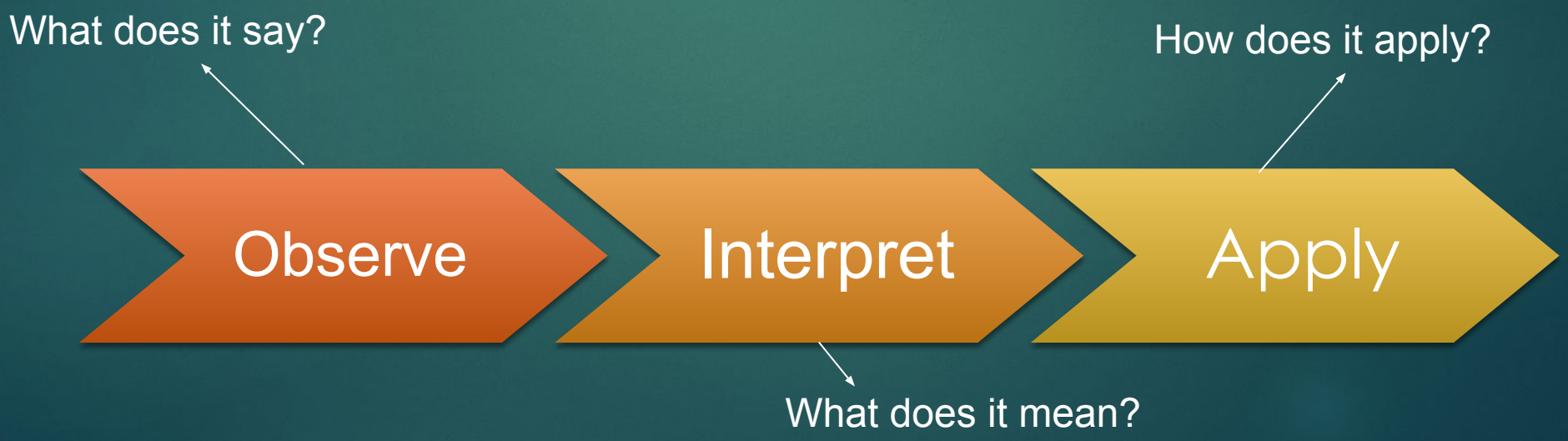
What it is?

A simple thought that is

- Motivational
- Inspiring
- Encouraging
- Bringing minds to focus of Christ
  - His nature
  - His loftiness
  - His character
  - His sacrifice

PREPARE:

- Pray and set your heart right
- Select a passage
  - From your QT
  - Select a topic



Place:

Date:

Allotted Time: 7 mins

Text:

Title:

Opening words:

Opening illustration (if any):

Main Point:

Sub point 1:

Sub point 2:

Conclusion:

Place:

Date:

Allotted Time: 7 mins

Text: 1 Cor 15:57

Title: The victory in Jesus

Opening words/Illustration:

- How would like to celebrate a victory that you didn't work for?
- You were not of the team! You were just a spectator – you did nothing.
- Well! We do that all the time, don't we! –
- When it comes to super bowl, the decibel number in our living room goes through the roof

Transition: Here is Paul excited about a victory!

READ: 1 Cor 15:57

Main Point:

I cannot visualize Paul in a soft inaudible voice saying, "thanks be God!"

There probably was roar and shout of jubilation as Paul writes this

Why?

v.56 the sting of death is broken; and the power of sin is defeated

Sub point 1: The sting of death is sin

- ILLUS: Imagine a snake with its power to sting... that sting is sin
- When sin is active, death has authority!
- By sin death gained an authority over man
- But what Christ did on the cross – was take the sting of sin away!
- DEATH has lost its power!
- If your sins are forgiven and if you have Jesus in your heart, you shouldn't be afraid to die – because sting of death which is sin is taken care of!

Sub point 2: The power of sin is the law

- LAW brought curse in the world
- When Christ died on the cross, and when we believed in Him, He delivered us from the curse of the law.

Conclusion:

- The victory is won! NOT ONLY won! But it is ours! Gives us everyday victory
- DEATH still tries to sting – But those are like the stings of the snake whose teeth have been pulled
- "Death is swallowed up in victory"

1 Cor 15:57

"but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Place:

Date:

Allotted Time: 7 mins

Text: Ps 139:1-4

Title: The Omniscience of God that leads to worship

Opening words/Illustration:

- Imagine for a moment the screen behind me comes down and all of a sudden my thoughts I'm thinking right now flashes even for just three seconds… I will not be comfortable with that, even if it not something that is private?
- We like our privacy screens or password protected things in life because we care about what people think if they know our thoughts of our hearts

Transition: If there is a place where we can get comfort that someone knows all of who I am, what's in my mind and still loves me the way He does, it is God

READ: Ps 139:1-4

Main Point:

God knows every aspect of our lives; not in a general sense but in details

- v1, searched me
- v2, when I sit down, when I rise
- v3, He scrutinizes my path and is intimately acquainted
- v4, Even before I could speak a word

God knew me when I was a rebel

- when I was a rebel
- when I rejected him
- When I was an enemy of God
- What humbles me this morning is that God accepted me as I am when I came to Him

  Sub point 1:

  E.g. Nathaniel in John 1

  48 *Nathanael *said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."* 49 *Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel."*

  Sub point 2:

  E.g. the prodigal son's father

  Knew the kind of lifestyle his son had chosen; yet loved Him

Conclusion:

- God remembered me in my lowest state
- God continues to love me and still loves me more and more

Ps 139:1-6

Check your devotional by Asking Yourself:

1. Do I have something to say from the Lord?
2. Is my message Christ-centered, focusing on Him?
3. Will my message cause the saints to worship?
4. Do I have one central theme, having eliminated all deadwood?
5. Is my message about 5-7 minutes in length?
6. Is my message an introduction, not a mini-sermon?
7. Does my message introduce the topic, not conclude it?

General Principles

- Have “ONE” theme
- Don’t exhort or teach on a topic; that is not the purpose of the meeting. Remember the purpose of the devotional is to draw people’s heart to worship the Lord
- Don’t explain why you decided to share from the passage
- 7 mins MAX; use it wisely - don’t go over
- Limit your illustrations to a bare minimum
- Try not to choose a long section/passage
- Leave room for others to expand on your thoughts
- Be loud; enunciate
- Share on a regular basis, not just on your assigned date

Practice session

Rom 5:1-2	Rom 5:6-8	Rev 4:5-11
Rom 8:33-39	Phil 3:20-21	1 Peter 1:3-5
Isa 6:1-5	John 10:27-30	