

- Make sure that it is relevant to the talk.
 - Don't try to make a stretch.
 - Make it relatable to the listener.
 - Incorporate Scripture throughout the talks.
 - Visual/auditory aids (art, movies, music, and literature) are extremely helpful but not necessary for every talk.
 - Incorporate video clips or songs that the audience may be familiar with
 - Don't make a stretch.
 - Always have the talk centered on Christ.
 - Repeat the proclamation throughout the talk.
- **Application**
 - Give the listener an opportunity to respond to God's call through the topic you speak on.
 - Challenge the listener.
 - Give them something to grasp on to and apply in their lives.
- **Celebration**
 - Say or do something that recaps the talk and brings it back together.
 - End as intentionally as you began.
 - Have a strong closing that makes it clear that the talk is coming to an end
 - Close in prayer

After the Talk

5. Review your Talk

- Ask yourself:
 - Did I cover everything that I wanted to cover?
 - Did I have a clear proclamation?
 - Was I engaging?
 - Were my points clear?
 - Did it flow with the rest of the night?
 - Did I use Scripture
 - Did I challenge the listener?
 - Did I mention Jesus (seriously! Sometimes we get so caught up in a topic that we actually forget to mention Jesus in a talk.)?
- Ask others how your talk went.
- If the talk happened to be on video or recorded, watch or listen to it.
- Evaluate yourself and find the keys strengths and weaknesses of your talk.
- Make sure you learn from your talk and always look to improve.

“When they take you before synagogues and before rulers and authorities, do not worry about how or what your defense will be or about what you are to say. For the holy Spirit will teach you at that moment what you should say.”

-Luke 12:11-12