

SPECIAL EVENT PREACHING

Acts 2:12-14

Basic Idea: There are a lot of different events we host, and the aim of all of them is to create a crowd to preach to. So; I want to look at some practical considerations & give you understanding that will help your preaching to be effective at special events.

I FINDING YOUR THEME

A- Important to every altar call & really any preaching (sermons) is finding your theme, and sticking to it.

1. For example when you preach an altar call at One80 your task is to find an article that parallels to the Gospel in some way, you select a theme and stick with it.

a. *Forgiveness, guilt removed, the trap of sin, new starts... etc.*

i. Your whole altar call idea revolves around your theme. It's pointed.

b. Muddy preaching is broad preaching- Your trying to fit everything into one altar call, lesson, sermon, and its not connecting with your listeners.

2. Well; Special event preaching has the same foundational idea: Choose a Theme.

a. Movie: Find a theme, and preach your theme... Play, Family Fun Day, Outdoor Concert... etc.

i. Preach your theme... Plays & movies will create your theme... FFD & concerts you will probably have to create it

B- Why do you think choosing a theme is helpful?

1. It helps your thoughts: by narrowing to one idea, you can drive home that idea, speak focused on that idea.

2. It helps your listener: They can track with you.

3. It will make more impact: B/c your message is CLEAR; PG: *Pointed preaching is like an arrow...*

a. It's the difference between a wash light & a laser light... a laser can cut, and shape... Shotgun & Snipers shot...

i. Text: Peter preaches a message that had a theme that people could follow.

II THE DELIVERY

A- Lets break down each part of the delivery of your altar call;

1. Voice: Usually our special events are outside (that creates factors), and they draw a greater volume of unbelievers

a. So; When you preach; your volume matters- 3 volumes Illustration, Declaration, Appeal-

i. You will be mostly at Declaration... this takes practice; your voice need to be interesting. (*Inflections*; rhythm, cadence, tone, pitch, pause)

2. Presence: What I'm talking about is your confidence (*connected to your voice*)

a. You have to grasp the spiritual reality & warfare going on when you preach.

i. Text: just after pentecost, some open, some mocking... his presence made the difference.

b. People follow confident people. People listen to Confident people. *I've told men; I don't believe you believe this*

i. V14 *But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them.*

3. Application: Very important that you make your theme applicable to your audience.

a. Peter's sermon was applicable to the listeners, he made references to things they could understand, and then he applied the Gospel of Jesus Christ to his theme.

i. When you can personally apply your message, *how does this apply to you*, you will make greater impact.

4. Time: Regular One80 altar calls are 15 mins from start to stand- KEEP IT SHORT.

a. Peters sermon is a documented 26 verses: 3 mins long... & 3,000 were saved.

b. A second part of the time factor: Is the time you choose to preach- While there's visitors. *Peter preached immediately.*

5. Appeal: The special event is an unorthodox means for church... So you need to have a strong appeal.

a. Most men get discouraged when hands don't shoot up immediately... they give up...

i. Give time, pull for hands, tell them you want to help them to PRAY to receive Jesus.

III PREPARATION

A- Some men don't prepare for special events like they do for One80 concert altar calls.

1. It's good to have an idea of what you are going to preach for the event... Have a prepared message of some kind.

2. Spiritual Preparedness: Pray over it, Fast over it, Outreach for it... God is faithful, but God also blesses work.

a. There has to be something MORE in you... Anointing=Divine Effectiveness.

3. Rap Battle: The planned event didn't go as planned, it was being planned out as the night went...

a. Zac suggested Nate do his "Spoke-a-mony" at that moment the HG fell, he went into his Altar Call, and confidence in the Gospel drew 7 to salvation... That was preparation.

i. You never know what your going to get, but a prepared man can make a difference.