

Coming up we have the Haunted House; I want to go over some basics for Haunted House altar calls. Preaching is more than random words thrust out of your mouth; It is thought out, prepared, & meant to bring healing to the soul- *salvation*.

I. THE CONTENT:

A. Most concert altar calls you will have an illustration

1. Something to capture the audiences attention; & illustrates the Gospel message: Sacrifice, Redemption, In place of another...
2. But for HH- No illustration is needed; *Instead you will use the major theme & preach off of that*
3. So whatever the theme is; That will direct your words. Start Altar Call with; *No moving around, what you have just seen is...*

B. Secondly comes the application; How does this apply to the audience?

1. Say something like: *This is just like...*
 - a. You need to briefly explain the connection.
 - b. HH "The Infected" the infection of sin, "Buried Alive" the coming end & judgement, "The Asylum" the wages sin

C. Basic Gospel Message: In EVERY altar call you must give the basic Gospel.

1. The problem of sin: Definition & who does it effect?
 - a. How does it manifest? (What does it look like) It produces- addiction/broken relationships/eternal separation from God
2. The answer: Jesus/Cross/His Blood
 - a. Forgiveness/restoration/eternity with God
3. Give the opportunity for response; **What is the response required?** REPENTANCE.

D. Lastly comes the appeal; Now you invite them to respond to the message- to act on what you've preached- (*Here is where heads would be bowed*)

1. Ask them to raise their hand; if they want what you've just offered- *Forgiveness of sins*.
 - a. Ask *How many would there be; ...Not Is there anyone here*
 - b. Appeal for unsaved/& for the backslider.
2. Make sure they understand what it is you want them to do!!! *They don't understand "get saved"*
 - a. You want them to repent of their sin- So you need to explain!
 - i. *By lifting your hand, your saying I want to pray for forgiveness and turn from my sin.*
3. Then lead them in a mass prayer- *With every head bowed & every eye closed- if you raised your hand, or maybe you didn't but you know you want this- repeat after me.*
 - a. After prayer- all heads lifted; if you said that, and you meant it would you lift up your hand-
 - i. Give them a convert card- That will allow for follow up room to see who prayed & make contact.

II THE DECLARATION:

A. Remember you are PREACHING an altar call- *not sharing*

1. So remember; Your not shouting (like street preaching)
 - a. But your also not having a conversation (They're ears may be still ringing)
 - b. You are a herald declaring-
2. Remember the 3 levels- (base is conversation)
 - a. Illustration: Above conversation
 - b. Gospel: Above illustration
 - c. Appeal: Above conversation/same as illustration.
3. This is about gaining dominion. (*Dominion doesn't involve your pride*)

III THE MECHANICS:

A. Its going to be dark; you will have a light shinning at you; makes vision difficult

1. So while preaching- pan the crowd/speak *like you CAN see them....* keep your hand off of your face- makes for distraction

2. **Use Pauses**: if you have a good hinge statement-

- a. *SF HH- paused after saying "Tonight you saw a glimpse of hell, let that be your last; A couple that locked in, said later- When Pastor said that- i got to me.*

3. **Repeat things**: to drive home a point/make an emphasis.

4. **Eye Contact**: Again this is about involving your entire crowd- *helpful that they'll all be in close contact*

- a. Again fake it like you can see them- *They don't know that you cant.*

IV SPIRIT:

A. Preaching is supernatural; involves spiritual dynamics- *Salvation is a miracle*

1. We aren't persuading; Selling insurance or used Cars- we are winning souls

- a. So; you need to be a vessel that God can use- pray/fast/practice.

2. Use scriptures;

a. **Hebrews 4:12** *For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

b. **2 Timothy 3:16 NLT** *All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.*

3. **AND MAKE SURE YOU DO ALL THIS IN UNDER 5 MINS**