

We are going to continue our concert ministry series: Today we are going to look at Concert Preaching-

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I PREACHING PREPARATION

A- The altar call is the climax of the concert...

1. I know every individual ministry thinks their part is the climax... but really its the altar call.
 - a. This is where the aim of the entire night winds up-
2. If that is the case then shouldn't the altar call preacher be prepared?
 - a. Here in Prescott; those preaching altar calls are typically disciples that have focused their lives to their calling
 - b. There are other opportunities for preaching ministry (individual outreaches/HH/HC/Bible studies)...
 - i. But the Concert Altar call preacher is a different dynamic... I remember being asked/I remember preaching to PG in the old Nursery... I remember the privilege!

B- Lets think about what Preaching preparation might look like:

1. Prayer & Fasting: It is important that the altar call preacher have a healthy spiritual life
 - a. **Mark 9:28–29** And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁹ And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting”
 - i. Doing a spiritual work requires spiritual power! The Saturday night prayer meeting should not be the first time you are praying about your altar call-
2. Dominion & Effectiveness: How do you know if you have dominion? How do you know if your effective?
 - a. Through Evangelism/Follow up/Testimony/Prayer for the sick... That translates into preaching.
3. Study: The altar call preacher should develop an eye for illustrations; Constantly on the look/finding applications
 - a. I had a folder of articles and altar calls just written and ready (It wasn't uncommon to pull 2 altar calls)
4. Analysis: Why did an altar call work and why didn't another work?
 - a. If something isn't working/there isn't a response; What will I do about it?

II PREACHING METHODS

A- Pastor Greg has taught us the most effective way to deliver an altar call-

1. Preaching Levels: There are levels to preaching (it is a declaration)
 - a. Conversation/Illustration/Gospel/Appeal
 - b. Consider Voice Inflection/Rhythm/Pauses
 - c. Body language/Presence/Eye contact
2. Preaching Outline: There is an ingredients for a clear altar call
 - a. Illustration: A story that illustrates an aspect of the Gospel
 - b. Application: How does the story apply to the audience
 - c. Declaration: The Sin problem/ The Gospel: Christ incarnate/crucified/resurrected
 - d. Appeal: The pull for a response

III PREACHING ANOINTING

A- In our passage Peter preached and people responded to the message he declared-

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 - a. This is after being filled with the HG... They were in prayer waiting for the HG... once filled he preached
 - b. He preached a message of repentance! Very important!
 - c. He brought it to a decision... REPENT!
2. From this people were added... CONVERSION!!!