

# Your Kingdom come into our Church

**Worship Service Ideas** 

#### Quarterly Worship Service PLANNER My Plan for the Worship Service on:

Quarter of		(Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer,	
1. Sunday Worship Service			
Purpose Statement:			
Worship Theme:			
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Bible Passages:			
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#### A Leadership Team Planner

#### Discussion NOTES for the WORSHIP SERVICE & SERMON PRESENTATION on:

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Discuss the next Worship Service through PRAISE, prayer, ideas, comments, questions, scripture search; discover needs, make plans, include alternatives, seek applications, add other concerns / ingredients.

**MEMO**: Prior to planning the next Worship Service, give thanks for the fruitfulness of the previous service. Then prayerfully review items from the "Order of Worship" for possible improvements. Make adjustments or fresh applications.

Next the team should review the general Purpose Statement, Worship Theme, and Sermon Title listed in the Quarterly Schedule. Make suitable adjustments and write the final conclusion in the blanks.

Conclude this discussion by transferring the results to the Worship Planner & Sermon Planner. Then finalize the process and prepare the Order of Worship.

Purpose Statement: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship Theme: \_\_\_\_\_

Sermon Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**FURTHER NOTES** – Most "Order of Worship" services cover approximately 20 items. On this Discussion Planner each worship team participant writes down possible ideas for many of those 20 "Worship" items. Write down both your own and other partners' suggestions. When complete agreement has been reached on each item, prayerfully enter all information on the Worship planner. This states who should do what and how it is to be done.

#### **Worship Service PLANNER & Verification Sheet**

My Plan for the Worship Service on:

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

This **Planner** is to be used by the Worship Team to clarify responsibilities for Worship parts. The purpose is to present a coherent Worship Service plan. This Planner results from the Team's Discussion Notes. It serves as a Check list to review and avoid mistakes or difficulties experienced at the previous Worship Service. It is a Template to make the next Worship Service better and fresh again.

Worship Theme

Purpose Statement \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* Are items that every Worship service should include.

# These are items used at appropriate services – but they should minimally be done once a month.

Event	Concept	By Whom	Comments – what needs to take place in this Service. Review what took place, difficulties/omissions last week.
1 Welcome *** include visitors	Who, how will we do it? What guidance is necessary?		
2 Opening *** Praise & Worship	3-5 Bible verses on Glorifying God		
3 Singing ***	Video used? Pictures used?		
4 Prayer ***	What was done? New ways this time?		
5 Celebrating # blessings	Testimonies from doing Home applications		
6Recognition # Time	Who will be honored? What for – How?		
7 Holy Scripture Reading *** x2	Versions to use, passage explanation		
8 Announce- ments #	Community outreach activities		
9 Sermon *** 15-20 min	One or more – schedule as appropriate to Theme		
10 Generosity Moment ***	How will we encourage it positively?		
11Testimonies #	How many – what kind?		
12 Connecting with Jesus ***	An invitation to make 2 decisions		

13 Assisting # New believers	What are we doing this week to help new believers?	
14 Home *** Activity	Opportunities for people to engage in what they have learned	
15 Farewell *** Blessing	Anoint members with home going blessing	
16 Discussion # Moment	Discuss sermon with purpose statement	
17 Additional # Helps	other NEW things to do for this Service	
18 Christ *** Centered	Why do think "yes"? How will we create it this time?	
19 Décor #	Changes for this Worship Service	
20 Atmosphere	Joyful? Welcoming? People connecting to leaders and each other?	
21Teach /Train #	Verbally explain what people need to do	

## Worship service sample Our plan for an alternate or special worship Service on:

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose Statement: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship Theme: \_\_\_\_\_

Sermon Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Bible Passages: \_\_\_\_\_

total \_\_\_\_ min \* not part of the actual time of worship

time	activity	By Whom	comments

**Worship service sample** *Our plan for an alternate or special worship Service on:* 

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_

Purpose Statement: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship Theme: \_\_\_\_\_

Sermon Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Bible Passages: \_\_\_\_\_

total \_\_\_\_ min \* not part of the actual time of worship

time	activity	By Whom	comments

### WORSHIP PLANNER EXPLANATION

#### THE WORSHIP SERVICE SHOULD BRING A LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN DOWN TO EARTH

NOTE: This information is based on a 2 hour worship celebration. For shorter worship services many items can be alternated and used biweekly.

#### 1 Welcome - The center of worship

A warm welcome needs to be demonstrated by several people.

With handshakes, hugs, smiles, helpful comments, thoughtful suggestions. (Men hug MEN – Ladies hug ladies.)

Most new attenders decide within the first 4 minutes of entering a building if they will return or not. This decision is made prior to the singing, prior to the opening prayer, and prior to the sermon.

#### 2 **Opening Praise & Worship** – using 3-5 Bible verses on Glorifying God.

For believers praise brings heavenly realities into daily life. For all of us praise memos and passages are the most encouraging parts in Holy Scripture. God has ordained that we could live a *'heavenly life'* here on earth. The Bible abounds with promises from the Holy Trinity. Always appreciate – always give thanks – always rejoice. The Lord's Day and the Lord's Worship Services should exude with encouragement that carries members through the coming week.

3 **Singing** – This is today's most frequent communication among young people.

If at all possible use a male song-leader - you want MEN to sing.

A colorful background for each stanza is recommend for MEN. Men respond to pictures better than words.

The first song should be a joyous one, one of Glory & Praise. New songs should be repeated twice. Others should preferable be related to the worship theme for that week.

#### 4 Prayer-why

To gather power and obtain our Lord's favor new church plants should be encouraged to return to the New Testament template of being *"Houses of Prayer."* After all, this was Jesus' desire! Prayer focuses on the presence of God, not us. Prayer brings unity. There is Prayer Power in agreeing together. Prayer provides an opportunity for God to show Himself strong. (Ps 34:15) Use variety. Always emphasize SHORT prayers (not sermon prayers!) Have the congregation participate. Short one-sentence prayers - family prayer groups – prayer circles – and other wide varieties of congregational prayer styles are applicable as moments for personal worship within the morning service. Encourage *'amens' or other comments* during prayers.(not automatic—but listening and agreeing).

#### 5 **Celebrating Blessings** – Sharing in testimony format.

Reporting on home activities / blessings that resulted from the previous Worship service or Sermon.

#### 6 Recognition Time

Church services consist of 'family gatherings'. It is a time God's family members come away from their mundane worldly involvements that are in general not deeply satisfying. They come to gather around their Heavenly Father and His earthly representatives. As family members they deserve special recognition for special events in their lives - a service done – a birthday – a graduation – a promotion – an anniversary. This brings unity – this makes worship a celebration – honoring one another, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith... Eph 4:12,13

#### 7 Holy Scripture Reading

**a)** The Holy Scripture passage is based upon the Worship Theme and Purpose Statement. This Holy Scripture passage serves as the focus point for the whole worship service. It covers thus both sermons. Preachers may use additional texts to enhance specific message points.

b) It is to be read twice. Note the following congregational blessings.

- Reading it twice shows the importance of the Holy Scriptures.
- Priority needs to go to God, not preaching a message.
- It gives people an opportunity to engage better in the text.
- Most older people are used to and prefer the older standard version so that is read first.
- Most younger people prefer a modern version because it is their daily language so it is read secondly.
- Furthermore, we still have numerous churches that use the Russian text. But the Russian text is no longer acceptable to the younger generation. So the first reading can be in Russian and the second in Ukrainian.
- Reading Holy Scripture twice is a very effective way to bridge the generation gap. It is very helpful for the older generation to understand the meaning better.

#### 8 Announcements

Announcements bring focus on how we as a team of church members will serve others. Whether it is a youth group, a community clean-up, a kid's club, Bible studies or get-togethers, camp or retreat, or ministry to shut-ins, handicaps or retirees. Announcements are an expression of who we are and how we put flesh and bones on the gospel.

Announcements are the verbal expression of what the Church offers to their surrounding community:

#### 9 **Sermon –** a message from Heaven.

Know what the key truth is that you want everyone to remember when they go home.

Give practical application, a practical activity they can do—a challenge.

Use some kind of physical illustration—Jesus did, all the time. Communicate with a story from Ukraine or your own life.

#### 10 Generosity Moment

In the Holy Writ God clearly stated on numerous occasions that He is NOT interested in physical sacrifices. God already has more than enough. God is generous – God is a giver – God gives birth – He gives life – He gives eternal feasts. Therefore, His interest is that we imitate Him – and become like Him, generous - Joyously generous. Exuding and overflowing with generosity brings Him joy.

#### 11 Testimonies Psalm 66:16-20

God is working in everyone's heart. Not just the hearts of preacher or leaders. Testimonies portray the present reality and activity of Jesus Christ in your community. Testimonies glorify Jesus – testimonies bring joy – testimonies invoke participation. Most people need some training in how to glorify Jesus/Holy Spirit. To honor Jesus the emphasis should be on the solution (what Jesus did) not on the problem.

#### 12 Connecting with Jesus – Moment of Decision

Worshippers know about God the Father, they know about Jesus the Christ, and they know there is Spirit influence. But for most – even baptized members-- it is abstract – it is passive - it is somewhat assumed – taken for granted, but often it is not vibrant as an active communication with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Brothers, Sisters, religious ones, seekers, all need to be regularly reminded to make fresh choices/decisions.

Life consists of choices/decisions! Decisions, to go to work, to finish tasks, to marry, to be faithful, to be honest, and many more. Life itself requires constant choices! We live by them, depend upon them. Without decisions it is impossible to have relationships. Fresh lively invitations need to be weekly presented for spiritual renewal. Every wedding must be renewed constantly by endless commitments; myriads, and myriads of them. Without it divorce is the only other recourse. Likewise spiritual participation, unity, joy, growth requires endless re-commitments or else some form of growing cold or a type of spiritual divorce occurs.

Two choices or two decisions face each believer constantly. Choices to decline the negative elements we face, and choices to cling to and desire things that are good, better, more honorable. Every worship service should provide such challenge and invitation. It is the worship leader's privilege to turn his distraught, mundane, passive congregation into active joyful participants. That requires prayer and decision making. Sermons do not change people – decisions DO!

#### 13 Assisting New Believers

Growing MEN into participants.

The Preacher and Worship Leader should be aware of the life-status/level the new believers are at.

The Church Planter's job is to assist his new believers.

They know nothing about God.

They have not yet read the Bible.

They need to discover what real prayer is.

They need to comprehend that praise must have a higher priority than prayer.

The very key element – if not the only one – is a lifestyle displaying gratitude. 1Thes. 5:16,17,18,19

There is a deep 'hangover' within their physical bodies and brains of past sinfulness.

Their friends, colleagues, neighbors continue to exert strong negative influences and temptations. Struggles and temptations remain strongly until higher levels of escape have been reached.

That is the Church Plant leader's job – holiness, purity, moving new believers up the staircase. Their desire is 'mercy' – mercy is also Jesus' desire. !!!??? Can you give that???!!!

More than 70 times 7? – Your mercy would exclude excommunication. Excommunication will not be necessary because people who become rebellious will of themselves depart. 1 John 2:19

If your worship service exhibits the above qualities, no rebellious people will be comfortable – so they will leave.

For New Believers a key element of all services is to include LOVE, HOPE, PEACE, JOY, FAITH. One of these 5 should be strongly noticeable/felt by the attenders in each service.

They responded to be Born-Again because of these 5. Heb. 11:6b

Following a Worship Service, the crucial question each New Attender asks himself during the next few days is: "Was this Service worthwhile enough that I want to go back for it next Sunday?" Was it worth my time? Was it enjoyable, uplifting, encouraging enough for a repeat visit or not? Was it helpful? How did it benefit me? (If you have to ask/beg please come again – you have already missed it.)

Three recommended tools for Spiritual growth messages are the NLC - New Testament Course; Experiencing God course, and the Basic Christian Life course.

#### 14 Home Activity

The greatest blessings in believers' families occur through carrying on the Sunday worship events at home during the week that follows. Working 6 days and resting, enjoying, celebrating on the Lord's Own Day brings powerful openings for a variety of spiritual applications within the family setting. Jesus provided every year 52 steps for spiritual growth. Fifty-two ways to enhance spiritual beauty in your family members. Six days to delight in reminiscing as well as anticipating the following worship celebration. What tool, what nugget, what guide will you provide to carry on desires and possibilities for continued joyous worship at home during the week? Such ought to be a major goal, a major contribution of the Sunday worship service.

#### 15 Farewell Blessing

Nearly all worshippers return home to face a demanding week in some form. Their need is to be anointed with joyful power. Just dismissing them simply means you are done with whatever you wanted to do. Worshippers should receive a type of spiritual dessert from their leader so they leave joyfully, fully satiated spiritually to face the week. This blessing should be spoken very slowly and very distinctly. The worship leader as Almighty God's representative should raise his hands in extended blessing and lay a well thought through farewell anointing upon his beloved congregation. Beginning in the New Testament, this was practiced by all denominations throughout the centuries.

#### 16 Discussion Moment - Family Fellowship Times

Discuss sermon focusing on the purpose statement.

This is recommended as a standard time of fellowship after the service with tea, coffee, cup of soup or snack. Family Fellowship Times of members following the worship service are common among active churches in nearly cultures worldwide. It provides camaraderie, friendships, prayer, one-on-one, and laughter. The younger generation is desperately lonely as they walk the streets mesmerized by their phones and missing all of life around them. The New Testament church included such activities as well.

Discussion questions should be displayed on the screen. Simple questions – 1 or 2, or perhaps 3, not more.

The leadership team mingles with the people asking and discussing questions. During the Discussion Moment the greeters are also assigned to engage people and ask them a question.

#### 17 Additional Helps

Each *active* worship service requires special attention to unique happenings or arrangements. This may be the weather, a funeral, a guest performance, and so on. How will we deal with this as a highlight in this service and not let it detract? How will we truly glorify God by this, not just make it a necessary addition? How will we bless our congregational family with it?

#### 18 Christ Centered - not tradition oriented.

When we gather together **Jesus** is there. But we want JESUS to **manifest** Himself. That includes praise; (opening prayer should turn people's thoughts to how great a God we serve—ask God to come in a special way).

Thanksgiving (1 Thess. 5:16-18-God's will)

Singing (we are told repeatedly to sing, or at least shout to the Lord. Not to listen to songs) And of course, the sermon should be centered on Christ and what He has to say to us.

#### 19 **The Décor** - needs to be uplifting – male oriented most of the time. Use Bible verse or motto posters – change monthly.

#### 20 Atmosphere – an analysis for future planning.

Did YOU enjoy it? Did you go home tired but deeply satisfied – deeply fed – deeply ministered to? What did the faces of your team tell you? Are they so excited that they are eager to attend the planning session for the next service? Are they ready to participate again next week? Was it Joyful? Welcoming? Were people connecting to leaders and each other? Was there plenty of time for relaxed participation? Did most people attend the discussion time? Were there numerous people reluctant to leave the House of Prayer?

#### 21 Teach, teach, teach.

In everything you do, give them the Biblical reason. At least share a Bible verse related to that 'topic'. (samples: Outdoor greeters, indoor greeters, a special Missionary offering; a call for volunteers; quality testimonies, raising hands; clapping to express thanks; attending the Discussion Time, discussion time instructions / participation.

#### ORDER of WORSHIP for Theme \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ This is a very generous simple order sample that could & should be changed regularly according to your local needs and worship purpose. However nearly all elements should be used each Sunday.

Greeters 2 outside – 1 Sister+1 Brother Greeters 2 inside – 1 Sister+1 Brother Servers within Worship time & Worship Leader – F.N.O. Song leader – Male if possible Bible reader – twice read – by lady& by man (the	_ F.N.O. y read it ahead 3 times at home)
1 <sup>st</sup> sermon preacher&	
2 <sup>nd</sup> sermon preacher& Counselors in Prayer Room &	F.N.O.
<b>1 Welcome 3</b> min We welcome you this morning to enjoy	
2 Worship Theme 2min PPT our Worship them - Sermon Title:	ne today is
3 Opening Prayer 2min (leader)	
4 Opening Praise & Worship 5min PPT 3-5	Bible verses – (read by congregation)
5 Singing 15min (3? congregation)	
6 Celebrating Blessings 7 min Sharing testime	onies from home activities
7 Prayer 2min (leader)	
<b>8 Purpose statement 3</b> min - <mark>PPT</mark> & Home acti This week we focus on	
<b>9 Holy Scripture Reading 4</b> min Bible ref. anno <b>PTT</b> & read orally by Sister, then by Brotherone reading in modern version	, , ,
<b>10 Prayer 3</b> min (by congregational participants)	

11 Sermon 15-20min (first)

12 Singing 10min (2? congregation)

**13 Recognition Time 7**min - for special service activity – birthday – graduation – promotion – anniversary.

**14 Announcements 3**min **PPT** - Our Church offers the following services to our community:

**15 Generosity Moment 7**min + Introduced by testimony about blessing or special activity done. Collecting the generosity giving. Testimony by \_\_\_\_\_ F.N.O.

16 Singing 5min (1? congregation)

17 Sermon 15-20min (second)

18 Purpose Statement 3min – PPT

**19 Prayer 3**min (cover purpose statement, sermon theme, home activities.)

#### 20 Connecting with Jesus 3min

21 Visitor Moment 1min: We invite visitors or new attendees to \_\_\_\_\_

22 Home Activity 3min - You can Influence your family, community, work, school.

#### 23 Singing 5min

**24 Farewell Blessing 2**min - Brothers & Sisters – Our Holy Triune God (promises – blesses – anoints – guides – prospers – enables – you \_\_\_\_\_\_

AMEN – BLESSINGS - HALLELUJAH

**25 Discussion Moment 15**min – It is recommended as a standard time of fellowship after the service with tea, coffee, cup of soup or snack. Discussion questions are to be displayed on screen. The leadership team mingles with the people asking and discussing questions. During the Discussion Moment the greeters also are assigned to engage people and ask them a question.

Inside greeters also serve with farewells after the service. Outside greeters also serve with farewells after the service.

TOTAL WORSHIP SERVICE TIME **128**min + discussion time **15**min

#### **Sermon PLANNER & Verification Sheet**

My Plan for Sermon Presentation on:

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

As you plan your next sermon, be sure to evaluate each step from the last one. Learn from experience! Pray and Make improvements.

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Event		Comments – what needs to take place – (and review what
		took place)
1Bible	Bible Reference	
Passage		
2 New	Which one used	UTT, EBU recommended – UBIO archaic, very accurate –
Translation		UMT very modern
3 Purpose	What do I want to	
Statement	accomplish?	
4 Jesus	At the beginning	
Focused	– middle	
	- end?	
5 Story	Ukrainian? To	
	illustrate what?	
6 Object	Item / type	
Lesson	describe	
7 Emphasis on	How – what ?	
Holiness /	1/4	
Christian Walk	1/4	
	1/4	
	1/4	
8 Connection	2 invitations to	
with Jesus	make 2 decisions	
9 Practical	How should your	
activity for	members exhibit	
members	Jesus this week	
	(provide a	
	measurement)	

#### After the service did you receive comments?

ON THE WORSHIP SERVICE	
ON YOUR SERMON PRESENTATION	

#### SERMON PLANNER EXPLANATION

#### FOR NEW CHURCH PLANTS

#### 1. Present Holy Scripture verses

Readers should be given the passage a week before. They should read the passage 3 times at home prior to the service for good fluent pronunciation and voice intonation. Checkup mid-week with a friendly and encouraging prayer. You want God honoring quality.

Announce reference minimally 3 times.

Assist by referring to **page** numbers or provide general directions.

Wait until most people have found it.

Your waiting indicates to them how important it is to read along.

If the passage is short - read it twice - God's Holy Word should have preeminence.

Possibly have someone in the congregation read it.

MEN need more time - so announce your request by name ahead of time.

The order always is; you read; a sister reads, then the brother reads.

If it is a longer passage (more than six verses) you can assign several verses to one person.

Should you use verses on Power Point – you can have the people read it together in unison out loud.

#### 2. Use a new Translation

Explain the value of new translations.

Have someone in the congregation read the standard version for comparison.

Briefly highlight a few verses; a few words; or the better meaning.

#### 3. Prepare and present a written purpose statement

Up front clearly state what the message is to accomplish.

Each sermon needs to have a specific written goal/purpose: What does the preacher wish to accomplish? Prior to the Service this needs to be shared with the worship leader and music team.

Preacher, worship leader, music team should discuss this and pray about it together ahead of time.

The purpose and the desired practical results should be stated up front.

Should you have a Power Point presentation of it, it can be used as a worship aid.

It can be read by the congregation; referred to in between songs.

It should be a joyful expression, something like "this morning we want to discover 'how we can adore Christ better'", or how we can see "our neighbors as eternal beings created in God's image".

After the worship service hearers need to be able to reiterate the purpose.

(Did they comprehend my purpose?)

#### 4. Preach about Jesus, God the Father, the Holy Spirit.

Who is HE? How beautiful is HE? What does HE do for us?

This ought to be the main theme of all messages.

New believers know NOTHING about who God is - how wonderful HE is.

New believers only know the lies about how bad God is.

(That deception has been their input message for their whole lifetime).

Illustrate a picture about God's goodness/generosity from "Financial Freedom" -

God is the Great Giver – Deut. 28:1-14, "*Count Your Blessings*" brochure, "Faith Promise Plan" brochure. Resulting application – our Great Experiment – out of gratitude by Faith return a small portion.

#### 5. Each sermon needs to include a modern story - from Ukraine.

Stories should be shortened and adapted as an illustration for a point in the sermon. The story must help to clarify or support the purpose statement.

Stories may be gained from the news, a story told to you, personal experiences, reports.

Actual Spiritual happenings that can serve as illustrations may be gathered from:

- Seeing Jesus do a miracle or a specific unique thing.
- A specific answer to prayer.
- Someone doing a good deed that became an event.
- People's personal testimonies of God's working in their lives.

#### 6. Each sermon needs to include a physical object lesson - or demonstration.

#### ! Do like Jesus Did!

Remember you, the preacher, are competing against images on smartphones, the Internet, TV, and computers.

**65%** of all people are visual learners. Visual information processes in the brain 60,000 times faster than text.

Attention spans are shorter and are becoming shorter in the younger generations. Without object illustration or lesson only those over 40 years will be reached.

Without a visual illustration **each time** you will miss reaching the future generation.

Researchers have found that people who are asked to recall information after a three-day period retained just **10** percent of what they heard during an oral presentation, **35** percent from a visual presentation, and **65** percent from an oral presentation that included visuals.

Objects used remain longer in attendees' memory than anything else in the message.

Objects significantly convey a truth and may be recalled and applied much later.

#### 7. Preaching should be about holiness.

That is, sermons should be encouraging. !!! No preaching about SIN.!!! Sermons should be uplifting like – lifting your people each Sunday one step higher on their spiritual staircase - 52 stairs to reach for more beautiful lifestyles per year. Lifestyles pleasing to our Heavenly Father. Lifestyles that show your members are becoming like the Heavenly Father HIMSELF. Preaching about sin does NOT do that – it does not accomplish Divine Lifestyles. We should NOT ignore sin, but sin should be limited to less than ¼ of a sermon. This takes faith to believe that the Holy Spirit's assignment is to convict about sin. How does the Holy Spirit accomplish this? By us preaching *'the "Good News" – not the bad*.' Holding up the standard of what should be – like Phil. 4:8. The Holy Spirit convicts people of the discrepancy between where they are at and what they could/should have been. This produces the Holy Spirit's conviction and desire/longing to get what they are missing.

Here is a synopsis of how a good sermon for new believers runs:

- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Describe the GLORIES of the Godhead and HIS desirability;
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Cover our shortcomings/needs (sin);
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Illuminate what beauty/glory/peace has been prepared and is awaiting us in **this** life.
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> How one can obtain these privileges that the Father hopes to give us.

(NOTE: it is NOT **attain**, but obtain. Attain is gaining higher spiritual status by self- improvement which is just "sin management"; to obtain is an Experiment of Faith – asking for and receiving a gift!

#### 8. Connect with Jesus – An Invitation to Decide

Each service should end with a 3 minute invitation for those who wish to express a need for Jesus, or a new step of faith in their spiritual journey. Their desire should be indicated by a raised hand or otherwise. This invitation, for commitment or recommitment should be freshly worded each time. Extend an opportunity for prayer or meeting with a team member after the service.

#### 9. Each sermon needs to include an application - for the coming week.

This needs to be clarified several times during the Worship service.

At the end of the message or the end of the worship service ask hearers if they understood it.

- The application needs to be reported on in testimony the following week.
  - This is a splendid opportunity for testimonies.

People want to practice their faith. But people need help. People want to please God. People just do not know **HOW** to do this on a daily basis, personally, in their family, at work, and in the community where they live their daily lives.

Both the Worship Leader and the preacher need to include practical possibilities to help the people.

#### Sermon Suggestions

A brief outline to give to each person who will preach. It will help him to focus on a new more effective way of communication.

Sermon length total 20 minutes

Preach to MEN as if they have <u>**NEVER**</u> heard about Jesus.

(These might be total unbelievers – MEN of Peace – newly Born-Again ones – those prior to Baptism)

SPEAKER: present the beauty of God and how one can experience such a fantastic God in his own life. Present Jesus as *glorious* and *desirable – who HE is – what HE does – (God / Jesus is more than just salvation)* 

The sermon result should be "Yes, I want an Experience with this kind of God"; "Yes, that is the kind of Jesus I want"

Four elements each sermon needs to contain.

- 1. Each sermon needs to have a specific written goal/purpose: What does the preacher wish to accomplish. This needs to be accurate and concise.
  - After the worship service hearers need to be able to reiterate the goal. (Did they comprehend the goal?)
- 2. Each sermon needs to include a story about your town, region, oblast, or Ukraine.
- 3. Each sermon needs to include a physical object lesson or demonstration. (Do like Jesus Did)
- 4. Each sermon needs to include an application point for the coming week.
  - This needs to be clarified ask if hearers understood it, and give opportunity to report on in testimonies the following week.

!!! NO preaching about SIN !!!

Preaching is NOT about how well I did speak – it is about "how well did people connect with my message"?