

Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus

Helpful Hints for Writing a Talk

- I. COLLECTING AND COMPILING INFORMATION
 - A. Ask the Lord for direction. Ask the Holy Spirit to be your teacher & guide.
 - B. Keep your eyes and ears open to God's guidance.
 - C. Read the outline for main points.
 - D. Do not edit outline.
- II. INCLUDING THE OUTLINE IN YOUR TALK
 - A. Ask the Lord for organization.
 - B. Group notes by outline topics.
 - C. Center your writing around the goal of the talk.
 - D. PRAY, think, and write.
- III. EDITING
 - A. Ask the Lord for guidance.
 - B. Critique yourself:
 1. Do I make the point clear?
 2. Are my illustrations clear?
 3. Am I speaking to the pilgrims?
 4. Are the Scriptures and examples necessary and appropriate?
 5. Could my examples or illustrations take attention away from the main points? Am I adding divisive or distracting issues?
 - C. Typewriting:
 1. Double-space or triple-space your paper.
 2. Use all capital letters with 16+ font
 3. Make three copies of the talk.
 4. Highlight as appropriate-make notes in margins such as "pause", "smile", "breathe"
 - D. Basic messages of weekend talks.
 1. First Day: General, no conclusions, no pressure... The goal is for the pilgrims to accept the Christian ideal.
 2. Second Day: Explanatory, personal, individual... The goal is for the pilgrims to see what they must do and how they must do it.
 3. Third Day: Instructional, inspirational... The goal is for the pilgrims to understand and desire to be part of a Christian community.
 - E. Structure of weekend talks.
 1. Schedule of talks.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Priorities Prevenient Grace Priesthood Justifying Grace Life in Piety	Growth through Study Means of Grace Christian Action Obstacles to Grace Discipleship	Changing Our World Sanctifying Grace Body of Christ Perseverance Fourth Days

First talk addresses the mind.

Second talk explains grace.

Third talk addresses the will and action.

Fourth talk explains grace.

Fifth talk addresses the heart or the lifestyle of piety.

3. Grouping of talks.

Priority, Study, Changing Our World -- Intellect

Priesthood, Christian Action, Body of Christ -- Will

Piety, Discipleship, Perseverance, Fourth Days -- Heart

F. DELIVERY -- SMILE - You are delivering God's message.

BREATHE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT -- BREATHE OUT ANXIETY