



A tent meeting is a big undertaking for any size church or ministry. The fact that we are taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ outside of the walls and into a public place requires not just physical, but spiritual labor. In presenting the gospel under the tent, it requires a strategic approach and planning to draw people, under the tent to receive ministering. Below are some suggestions from our experience that will help make this tent meeting a success.

Tent meeting preparation:

Prayer and fasting:

Prayer and fasting are important both before and after the tent meeting. This sets the spiritual atmosphere. When we come into your area, we will be declaring God's authority and kingdom over the spiritual atmosphere of your community. Start now, declaring over your area, set the spiritual atmosphere for the Lord to move. Before each service we encourage people to come early and pray for the service. Come prayerfully and expectantly.

Promotion:

Sanctuary ministries will promote on our part, but to have a successful tent meeting, the local churches need to help promote in the local and surrounding communities.

Two weeks prior to the first day of the meeting, informational Flyers should be distributed to the community bulletin boards, TV, radio stations, business etc.

Radio, newspapers, TV most generally have a free community bulletin, or announcement board for events. Please utilize these avenues.

Social media is an excellent source of advertisement and promotion as well. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, YouTube, your Website, etc.

Participating churches and individuals should make available copies of the master flyer that we will provide, for your church families or organizations to pass out to their friends, family and the people in the community. They can take them to local businesses, convenience stores, etc. and ask if they would hang a flyer up to inform and invite the community to this event. We want to encourage people to bring others to the meeting.

Weekly meetings:

Meet once a week to pray together and support each other in preparation for this tent meeting in your community. When we are in one accord with each other, God really has a clear path to move. The Lord is looking to add unto the body of Christ in your area. This is your community, and we are coming alongside of you, to help you add and build the body of Christ in your area, but we need you to pray and meet weekly with each

other, to advance the Kingdom of God in your area. Anoint and pray over the property, proclaim it as Kingdom territory.

Two or three days: prior to the tent meeting begins you can send teams of people out into the neighborhoods to invite and inform people of when, where, and what is getting ready to take place. Be excited. If you are excited and genuine, they will see it. If you are not enthusiastic, they will not be either. Let them know of the outreach events planned and invite them to come and participate.

Outreach events:

Outreach events help to draw in those that normally may not feel comfortable attending a regular church event. Let us know if you or your church is interested in taking an afternoon or pre-service evening to do an outreach event.

Outreach events could be neighborhood barbecue, youth and children's events, clothes or meals Given out to the community. Use your imagination

Tent site preparation:

Permits:

It will be the responsibility of the hosting ministry to check with the local City Hall/Special Events and Fire Department, to see if permits are needed and to obtain such permits.

Electricity:

We will have a generator available for electricity. However, generators also generate noise. If at all possible, a conventional electric source is preferred.

Restroom accommodations:

The host ministry will be responsible for supplying restroom accommodations, either on the church grounds or porta potties ordered and delivered. They should be delivered by set up time date as we will be coming in to set up before the tent meeting begins. Check with us for our arrival dates. You may want to consider a handicap porta potty for those who are older or disabled. It is best to have more than two port of pots especially with larger crowds. If the meeting is a weekend, you will need to have the company come and empty and service them as needed. Having a light source is advised for the evenings.

Grass:

The grass will need to be mowed a day or two before the tent comes in for setup. This will help with the deterring of bugs and mosquitoes.

Help:

Sanctuary ministries will need help from you putting up and tearing down the tent. We require no less than 4 strong able-bodied helpers. The more the better, many hands make light work. We travel with a small team, so this will give your church and individuals in your community an opportunity to be a major part of this tent meeting. We will set up the tent a day before services began. We will let you know what day we

will be coming so that you can organize volunteers to help with the tent setup. Please have volunteers ready to help unload the tent, assemble and lift the tent. We will need them to help set up equipment and chairs also. We will also need them to help tear down the tent and load chairs and equipment into the truck, when the meeting has been concluded. Part of this work is done on the last night after service is over. The tent will usually be taken down the next day after the dew is off of the ground. It is crucial that volunteers come to help with the setup and tear down and it is a great blessing to our team.

Summary of helps:

- *Volunteers ready to help assemble and lift the tent up and set up equipment and chairs.
- *The host can provide financial help for groceries or meals for our team during the duration of the meeting.
- *Church volunteers to provide water for the evangelical staff and worship team during the meeting.
- *Some churches like to provide nightly water for the people attending, as it can get hot.
- *Have your church provide a way to pick up and dispose of trash.
- *In some circumstances, we may need volunteers to help direct parking. We like to keep some space close to the tent for those who are handicapped so they can sit in their cars and participate in the tent meeting.
- *After the last night of service, we will need to have volunteers, help take down the chairs, equipment and help prepare them to be loaded the next day into the tent truck.
- *The next day when the dew is off the ground, we will need volunteers to help tear down the tent, fold and pack it, then help load it into the truck for the next tent meeting.

Your help in all of these areas is greatly appreciated and needed. We want to thank you for your heart for your community.

Financing:

Prior to the tent meeting, we encourage you to encourage your people to sow into the cost of the tent ministry. The budget of Sanctuary Ministries to hold a tent meeting covers the equipment, food cost, travel expenses, lodging, fuel, etc. We do not have a set amount to come and minister. We strictly do this through faith and love. By encouraging and teaching your people to sow physically, spiritually, and financially, it relieves the burden of the finances, and we meet the goal of seeing the lost saved, the broken hearted healed and restoration to the weary. We are here to see the Kingdom of God advance, and the kingdom of darkness destroyed.

Ways for giving:

Cash donations.

QR Code for online giving through **Givelify**.

Venmo: @SanctuaryMinsitriessx

Cash App: \$SanctuaryMinistriesx

PayPal:@sanctuaryministriesx

Checks: Made payable to Sanctuary Ministries (note: Tent Meeting)

Closing:

It is an honor to work with all of you in this great endeavor to advance the Kingdom, we do this together joyfully, but do not take it lightly.

We are believing for the overwhelming presence of the Father and the moving of His Holy Spirit upon your community, in might and power.

We are simply coming beside you to serve you and to assist you in reaching and ministering to the people of your community. We are coming to help you and stand alongside your ministries and your community, to be an encouragement and blessing to you, as we serve Christ together in this beautiful and amazing calling and opportunity.

Sincerely Your Brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John H. Hankins', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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