

Communication

Pray about what God wants you to say in this talk.

- A.
1. This talk is given on Rise Day (Sunday) just after the weekenders return from swimming and before the Agape Dinner.
 2. The talk should be about 15 minutes in length.
 3. Pick an appropriate song for your talk.
 4. Suggested bible verses; Genesis 9: 12-17, Daniel 10: 11-12, Psalm 102: 17, John 17: 1-26
- B.
1. The importance of communicating with God and others. Talking and listening.
- C.
1. How does the dictionary define communication?
 2. We all experience good and bad communication with friends, family and even God. How?
 3. We “communicate” through our actions. St Francis of Assisi once said; “preach the gospel at all times and if necessary speak”.
 4. We talk to God through prayer.
 5. Listening is an important part of communicating. Are we listening to what he has to say to us. (The bible, our conscience, gut instincts, music, other people)
 6. What are the obstacles that get in the way of communicating?
 - a. Not wanting to hear the answer.
 - b. Our own wants/needs.
 - c. Thinking we have all the answers.
 - d. Noise/distractions.
 - e. What are **your obstacles?**
 7. Things that help in communicating.
 - a. Trust
 - b. Honesty
 - c. Truthfulness
- D.
1. We communicate with everyone on different levels. (Which level do you have with God?)
 - d. Those we see or talk to only a couple times a year.
 - e. A couple of times a month.
 - f. Every week.
 - g. Every day. (Family, best friends)
 2. The more time you spend communicating with someone (including God) the better your relationship becomes.
 3. The ultimate form of communication is **PRAYER**.
- E.
1. Challenge the weekenders to be open and honest with each other.
 2. Encourage them to pray and to listen to what God is telling them

Use this outline as a guide to your talk. Be sure to include examples of YOUR gifts or problems with communicating, especially in your prayer life. Remember you are not alone when you give your talk. God and the team are with you.