

Scripture Reader: Roles and Responsibilities

This seems like a stand-alone role, but is really a vital part of the worship service as a whole. Similar to how a believer is part of the body of Christ, scripture reading is to be completed and prepared in concert with the other parts of a worship service. The scripture passage is one of the ways in which we can learn, receive, and experience God's message, presence, and calling. The goal of the scripture reader is to read God's word in a manner that is clear and easy to hear, follow, and understand.

Time Commitment: 30m - 1 hour per scheduled service

- Time commitment depends on individual's preparation and experience
- The length of a scripture passage for a given Sunday
- Length of reading during Sunday worship is quite short

Preparation

1. Identify Difficulties

- a. Words not commonly spoken
- b. Words that do not originate in English
- c. Reading too fast
- d. Pauses and breathing points
- e. Run-on sentences

2. Listen to the Passage

- a. Listening to the passage being read on resources such as "YouVersion Bible app" or "<https://biblegateway.com/>" can help with pronunciation, pacing difficulties, and pauses/breathing points.
- b. If you are unsure where to pause, it is easy to just follow a recording until you are more comfortable on your own.

3. Reread the Passage Out-loud

Podium Microphone

The podium microphone is a "unidirectional microphone." This type of microphone is good at capturing a sound that's generally in front of the microphone, but it can be at an off-angle and still be fine.

Before reading at the podium

1. Adjust angle to face your head
2. As a general rule, about 25-35 cms (~1ft) is ideal
3. Try the side of the mouth instead of the center. You'll receive the same level just without the plosives from those pesky P's and B's.
4. If the microphone is not loud or off, just wait a few moments for the AV to turn up the levels. This is better than talking without anyone hearing you.

