

Essentials to be an effective visiting speaker



Most preaching courses are geared for a minister or pastor to build up their church. The audience knows and trusts them. Unless you are famous, as a visiting speaker, you have 30 minutes or less to earn trust and connect meaningfully with your audience's heart, mind and spirit. You also must inspire, inform biblically, call to action unapologetically but without manipulation and represent your organisation. It's challenging to be an effective visiting speaker! How would you rate your effectiveness as a visiting speaker? Let's explore together the different approaches and skills you need to practice to be an effective visiting speaker.

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