

# Preaching Guidelines for Campuses

## PHRASING

Use the phrases "Today" or "This Weekend" instead of "Tonight" or "This Evening".

This is the most important guideline!!! If you do none of the others, but accomplish this one it will still go over well at the campuses because we can fade you in and out at the point that looks the most natural.

## GREETING

You should view the first sentence of your actual sermon as the greeting for the campuses. They may ask you to make an announcement or two, so do that first and then do the greeting as you begin your sermon.

Here is what Rich puts in his manuscript each week:

*(Looking at the camera in the back of the room on the floor)*

"I'd like to begin today by welcoming all of our campuses. We are so glad to have you with us."

## PRAYER DURING THE SERMON

Simply be aware that as you pray it will be easy to not remember to use the word "today" instead of "tonight" because you will be in the moment. Just try to be conscience of this – you are speaking not only to the main campus room, but to hundreds of other people sitting in five other locations – but on Sunday morning. Saying "tonight" will sound funny to them on Sunday at 10am.

## MINISTRY CALL

Speak to the campuses as well. Include them as you are asking people to respond and come down front. Try to get comfortable looking into the camera from time to time.

## CLOSING

Speak to the campuses as you are asking people to come down front. If you are not asking people to come down front, but are simply going to pray and then end, make sure to hand it off to the campuses before or after you pray. Whatever feels the most comfortable to you.

Example: "Campus pastors I'm going to ask you to lead the campuses in prayer now".