

Ignite the Faith Scripture Readers

Thank you for taking on the important and impactful role of sharing the Word of God at the Ignite the Faith event. As stated in 2 Timothy 3:16-17, “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

Please thoughtfully read over your responsibilities for your scripture reading segments at the Ignite the Faith event today. The scripture has been intentionally taken without modification from the NIV bible with the intent of making it easier to understand for those that have never before heard or read the Holy Bible.

Our youth staff has envisioned this mission for our efforts today **“To ignite a passionate, youth-led revival that empowers the next generation of believers to boldly live out their faith and spread the transformative love of Christ.”** Please be aware that everything you do from stage will have an impact on this mission.

Please remain faithful to the text contained in the scripture book without altering words. Respect the context of the passage — don’t read it in a way that distorts its message.

Speak clearly, audibly, and at a steady pace and pronounce names and places as accurately as possible.

Read the passage ahead of time, not for the first time on stage. Understand the **basic** meaning and tone of the text whether it’s lament, praise, instruction, or narrative.

Practice reading aloud as scripture often sounds different than it looks on the page.

Let the text speak for itself—avoid dramatics that draw attention to the reader rather than the Scripture. Read with a tone to that matches the scripture passage whether that is reverent, joyful, solemn, or exhortative.

Your sharing of scripture is more than public speaking, it is proclaiming God’s word.

Avoid inserting personal commentary or teaching.

The role is to be a servant of the text, not its editor or performer.

What you are going to say to start your reading and finish your reading of scripture.

Begin with “This is a reading from the Holy Bible, the “New International Version” translation, state the book, chapter and verse number(s). Then proceed with reading the scripture passage(s). When you finish reading, please finish with “This is the Word of God.” Then purposefully walk off stage.