





WELCOME TO PROMPT

We are encouraging churches to run a Prompt Sunday (which could tie in with a calendar moment like Mission Sunday or Pentecost) that acts as a catalyst to mission. Prompt is not an end in itself but a tool to help Christians become more aware of how they can share their faith in the day to day of life, in words and actions.

Each and every church is unique - in terms of size, context and culture but here are seven questions to help you think about how Prompt can help your congregation share the good news of Jesus relevantly.

1. HOW CAN WE INCREASE EXPECTANCY?

Why not use the promo video (available on the website) the week before, so that people are aware of what is coming? You might also find it encouraging if the preacher/ church leader/ worship leader did a Prompt challenge the week before and so had a story to share about how they had found it.

2. HOW DO WE SHOW PEOPLE THE BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES BEHIND PROMPT?

We have crafted a sermon outline, complete with Powerpoint, that highlights three Biblical examples of God prompting the early church into action. You might like to adapt the material and add your own stories.

There is also a 10-minute teaching video from Andy Frost which you can download and show. Again it's on the website.

3. HOW DO WE SUPPORT THOSE PEOPLE WHO FIND THE CONCEPT OF PROMPT DAUNTING?

Some people will immediately catch on to the idea of Prompt. Others may be more reticent about the whole concept. It's important that Prompt is presented not as another 'chore' to do but as part of the adventure of following Jesus. You might like to make space in the church service for people to share their concerns and even to pray with one another.

4. HOW DO I BEST USE THE PROMPT CARDS?

The Church Pack contains sets of 10 different Prompt cards. It's important to think through the practicalities of how people take a challenge card home with them at the end of the service.



Here are a few ideas:

- You could make collecting a Prompt card part of the response to the talk, whereby people walk to the front and collect one of the cards that are all upside down so that they do not know which challenge they will receive.
- You could blue-tac the cards to the bottom of every seat.

After the initial Prompt Sunday, you might choose to use the cards for the rest of the month, putting out a fresh batch each week or encouraging people to swap them.

5. HOW CAN WE MAKE THE MOST OF PROMPT IN BUILDING FAITH SHARING CONFIDENCE?

To help build a sense of confidence in mission within our churches, it's always a good idea to share stories and testimonies of what has happened. The week after you have given out the Prompt cards, why not ask a handful of people to share what happened - the good things and some of the challenging things.

6. HOW COULD WE TAKE THIS FURTHER?

We have created a small group pack that is downloadable on the website. This can be used after a Prompt Sunday to take the conversations further. You might also like to encourage people to keep doing Prompt for the next month by signing up online for SJI's weekly text or email. If you don't use the 10-minute teaching video from Andy Frost in the church service then it is ideal to kick off a house group session.

7. WHAT CAN WE DO NEXT?

We have often found that as people do Prompt, they become aware of how it can sometimes be challenging to articulate the Christian faith. We have put together (in partnership with HOPE) the Sharing Jesus course which can be done over three sessions with the DVD.

Videos and further resources are available from www.sharejesusinternational.com/prompt



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