



## Student Speaker Guidelines

1. Your message must be emailed to Pastor Stephen no later than the Tuesday before at 4:00 p.m. in order to receive feedback and coaching. If your message is not received via email in time, you will be asked to postpone your message.
2. The source for your message should be the Bible. Scripture references must be cited with all Scripture quotations or readings. Other sources are great, but the Bible must be at least 95% of the source material.
3. Short Sermon entries have a time limit of 5 minutes. After 5 minutes, Pastor Stephen will gently approach you and say thank you for what you have preached so far. There is a timer on the back wall that shows how much time you have left.
4. You should preach the sermon before church at least twice. Ask your family or friends for feedback. Consider Facetiming your small group leader.
5. Every message should include the following elements: scripture from the past week's Bible reading plan, an illustration (short story), a next step or challenge at the end.
6. The message should feel encouraging and challenging. Not every sermon has to be funny, but it should encourage others and challenge them to grow closer to Jesus.
7. Participants may only use a Bible, notes, and a podium. Small handheld props are allowed. Props are limited to what students can carry by hand. Neither flammable nor liquid props are permitted.
8. Costumes, costume makeup, and masks of any kind are not permitted.
9. The use of audio or putting anything on the screen is not permitted.
10. Presentations must be given with due reverence for God and His people, and must not be a cynical or satirical portrayal of any form of the ministry.