

Music Team Devotions

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But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

1 Peter 3:15-16

Devotions are informal sharing sessions, not formal teaching or instruction. The purpose of this handout is to explain why we do music team devotions, what the requirements are, and provide some ideas for preparing your devotions for the team.

The primary purpose of music team devotions is to direct our hearts and minds to the Lord and encourage each other in the faith. God's Word is central as we do that.

The Bible is clear. Every believer should be able to talk about their faith in Jesus Christ to anyone who asks. Likewise believers who are walking with the Lord should be able and willing to share what God is doing and showing them in their lives.

Another one of the purposes of the music team devotions is to provide a safe environment to talk about our faith. If we can't talk about our faith with the music team, how can we expect to be able to "give an answer to everyone who asks"?

The requirement is to prepare at least one devotion every six months. You are welcome to sign up more frequently.

Devotion Guidelines

You do not have to provide a handout to everyone. Handouts can be helpful in facilitating participation from the group and helping them see where you are headed.

Target the devotional for about 10-15 minutes, though it is not unusual for group discussion to extend beyond that.

When you plan to involve the group in the discussion, you will not have to talk as much. The mix will depend on your devotion. Take advantage of the team; they want you to succeed.

Devotion Ideas

A passage from your regular Bible reading. (You are reading your Bible regularly, aren't you?)

An entry from a daily devotional (Hint: find a devotional you like, read it daily, and when one really speaks to you, copy it and save it):

- My Utmost for His Highest (www.utmost.org)
- Streams in the Desert (<http://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/desert/>)
- Daily Bread (www.oddb.org/)

- Over 40 different ones from Bible Gateway (www.biblegateway.com/devotionals/)
- eSword on iPad: Day By Day By Grace, Our Daily Walk, Devotional Sermons, Rylisms, Morning & Evening

An article from a Christian Magazine such as Christianity Today

An article from a Christian blogger

An excerpt from a Christian book you're reading

Whatever the source, the Bible should be referenced at some point.