

## SPEAKING ROLE PREPARATION

All the speaking parts for MATC and WATC are important. It is our expectation that all speakers are prepared with regard to: Content, Energy and Presentation.

### Guidelines for speaking roles:

- Use only one note card (if necessary). Or, use an outline. But, DO NOT read the notes!
- No use of any electronics
- Practice, practice, practice. Prepare by practicing and giving your talk to several people before the weekend. Do this with fewer and fewer notes. Ask others: What did they like? What did they think could be improved?
- Listen to the audio or video recording of your talk prior to the weekend. We recommend that you do this once you are assigned the talk so as to help you work on content, energy and presentation.
- Come to the weekend ready and fully prepared.
- Know WHEN you are supposed to get up and do your talk. Do not wait for someone to tell you to get up and begin. If you are uncertain ask Team Leader 5 BEFORE the weekend.

### The challenge of speaking a prepared text:

- It is not your words. You didn't write them.
- This may be the first time you have spoken them.

### Helpful Ideas:

The words in all speaking parts matter. They are written for a reason. Don't diverge greatly from these words. Here are some ideas that can help you to prepare effectively for your speaking role:

- Make an emotional connection to the content. Reflect on it. Own it for your own life. Preparing for a talk can help you to actually do your own work with regard to the talk itself. This is ideal. When a person owns the content through personal work, struggle, identification... then the message comes across as real and authentic. **Feel** what you are speaking about.
- Press into your fear and anxiety. What's this about? Performance? Significance? Approval? Learn to lay aside your need for acceptance and approval. (This will change your life!) How do you do this? Stop caring what people think! Rest in your security in God. You are beloved!
- Before you begin to speak – connect to LOVE – for the people you are going to be speaking to. Look around the room and see them as God's beloved. Care for them. Focus on them. Love them with your teaching. (Love casts out fear.)
- LET GO. Enjoy the learning process. Trust God with the outcome.