



More Than
STONE SOUP

A Stewardship and Giving Emphasis Program for Congregations

WEEK #3 - TEMPLE TALK NOTES

Timing: Sunday of Week #3.

Purpose: Introduce and review the ministry of the congregation, local ministry partnerships and ministry connections to the Judicatory at all levels.

Suggested Speaker: This talk can be delivered by anyone except Pastor.

Objectives and Suggestions: Cover the following during the talk:

1. This is the Stewardship and Giving Emphasis Program. Speak with enthusiasm!
2. Unlike most stewardship programs, this one will be fun!
3. Mention the Challenge of the Stones, and ask if anyone owes the Soup Pot. Invite anyone who owes to come forward and pay their fine. \$1.
4. Draw attention to the ministry of the church.
5. Briefly review the parochial ministry of the congregation.
6. Briefly review any ministry in which the congregation is a partner.
7. Briefly review any ministry of the various levels of the Judicatory (Synod, etc.) Briefly explain how your congregation is a part or takes part in these ministries.
8. Introduce the Seven Principles of Christian Discipleship as the focus of today. List the Seven Principles: Prayer, Study, Worship, Stewardship, Evangelism, Mentoring, and Service to others.
9. Draw attention to the Bulletin Insert and explain the insert contains highlights from Pastor's sermon.
10. Invite everyone to plan ahead for the Celebration Banquet following worship on [date].
11. Mention again the Prayer Chart and provide directions so folks can find it. Invite and encourage everyone to commit to the Prayer Chart.
12. Thank them for their time and attention.
13. Ask if anyone has questions.
14. Thank them again, and then take you seat.