

Spirit Guided Friends Church
Role Guidelines : Reader

- The Readers participate during the MESSAGES part of the service
- Readers ASK if the person would like a message.
 - o A reader must be invited and not force themselves
 - o "No means no" - for that reader. It may be the person does not feel a particular affinity for you, but is waiting for another reader.
- Do not touch the person for whom you are reading - keep a respectful distance.
- Deliver messages that are constructive and / or helpful. Even messages about difficult situations can be framed as "challenges". In those cases, try to also present solutions that you may have received, not your own ideas
- The reader should avoid topics that are:
 - o exclusive identifies the only way to believe / behave
 - o divisive sets one group or class of people against another
 - o political nothing about current or past politics
 - o sexual no explicit or suggestive sexual material or comments
 - o frightening no predictions of death, disease, disaster, misfortune
 - o embarrassing there are times when a reader receives a message
 - o that is extremely personal for the individual. In
 - o those cases, the reader should request to speak with the person after service; delivering the message in
 - o private; yet in full view of others.