

Spirit Guided Friends Church  
Role Guidelines : Speaker

- Speakers are volunteers selected 2 to 3 weeks in advance
- There is no specific minimum time for the Speaker's service. They should be kept to a maximum time of 20 to 30 minutes.
  
- **Scripture**
  - o The speaker should be prepared to deliver a reading from "scripture".
  - o Scripture is a broad definition.
    - It may be a reading from a religious text or it may be from a book or article the speaker likes
    - In any case, it must be of a spiritual nature and be informative and / or uplifting.
  - o The speaker should identify what it is they are reading - Topic, Title of the Book / Article and the Author.
  
- **Lecture**
  - o The reading is followed by the Speaker's own spiritual input.
  - o It may be related to the reading, but is not required to be so.
  - o Many choose to give a "message from spirit" which is spontaneous.
  - o This is a lecture. For on-going discussions, another time may be scheduled
  
- The lecturer 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