

PREPARATION SUGGESTIONS FOR 48 HOURS MEETING



Call this meeting 48 HOURS PREPARING FOR HIS RETURN
Advertise it as an event to prepare people for living in challenging times as we look for His return! Another event theme is 48 HOURS HEALING HEARTS AND HOMES which focuses on families. Some churches choose to use just 48 HOURS as the promotion. Please just let me know how the Lord is leading you for these days. The pastor knows the greater needs of his people. I am coming to be **the servant of the Lord and of the pastor.**

Use whatever means are available for you to advertise . . .radio, TV, newspaper etc. My website will provide basic info and a picture for publicity – www.ronherrod.org.

Have your people organized to pray for these meetings. Make a simple card that is headed **FIVE ON THE WAY**. Under that heading provide 5 blank lines for them to write names of people they care about and would like to reach for the Lord. Use Luke 16 and refer to the rich man's five brothers who were on the way to hell. Give this to them 3 weeks early and have an altar time one week prior to the meeting for them to come and pray for these folks. Encourage them to invite these folks to the meetings.

Use the following themes for the services . . .

Saturday Night – you should have a meal that is something people will like . . .fish fry, BBQ, etc??. Call this event **Countdown To Armageddon**. We will have a great time. Plan for only about ten minutes of music. I can speak either where we have the meal or in your worship area. It is really important to promote this event big time - it will set the pace for the remainder of the time.

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Sunday Morning – Promote this as **FRANTIC Sunday** this stands for **Friends, Relatives, Associates, Neighbors Together in Church**. Your people should invite their friends to Bible Study but especially to the worship time. The music time should not exceed 20 minutes. I will need a full hour for getting acquainted, preaching , and the invitation.

Sunday Night – Organize your **Sunday School teachers** to pack the building. Send them a letter specifically assigning them this responsibility. We will recognize them and have a gift for the best job. This is a good night to have **children’s choirs** to sing. This gets their parents and grandparents out.

Monday Night – This will be a big night. Have the **youth (grade 7 and up)** to have a pizza blast and I will speak to them and show them a movie. Call this “**Pizza and a Movie.**” This should take place **one hour** before the service. The service itself is not just for youth but for everyone. Assign pews to your **Deacons and wives** to pack the building.

Some churches are using a time on Monday for lunch and an outreach to families and individuals who have been impacted with cancer. Since I am a cancer survivor, I can relate to them well. We invite people who have had cancer, currently have it, have a family member who has cancer or have lost a family member with cancer. I speak on “Learning From the Darkness”. The church provides a simple luncheon and it is amazing how many people have this need.

Please have your people who have had some evangelism training to meet with me 15 minutes before the dinner on Saturday night. These will be our counselors.

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I will need an 8 ft folding table or 2 6 ft. tables provided in a trafficked area. That should be set up prior to our arrival. I will need to meet with a person or persons who will help with the resource table during our time together. That meeting can take place earlier on Saturday evening. We will only need 15 minutes for that meeting.

The love offering should be taken at the close of the services. Special music or instrumental music can be provided while this is being received. All our offerings go for the support of our national pastors in India, Nicaragua, Nepal and Liberia.

We often use our motor coach for travel and lodging. If so, we will send you a diagram for the electrical plug we will need. I will let you know if I will be flying in for this meeting. Let me know the most convenient airport and the name and address of the hotel we will use. I have membership in several hotel clubs (Holiday Inn, Marriot, Hilton, and Sheraton)

These are **suggestions** that work, not requirements. Please call me at 865 599 8797 with any questions. You will know what will work best where you are and which are compatible with preparation you are already planning.

We are really excited about our time together for our dear Lord.
Thanks

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