

Hello, and thank you for reading God's word to the congregation today!

This is a very important part of our worship and we want to help you best prepare for it. Most of the information on this document can be found on the link below. Please take time to read over it to prepare for Sunday.

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/erik-raymond/some-best-practices-for-public-reading-of-scripture/>

At the podium:

1) Posture

When you are at the podium, place your bible down, take a deep breath, look at the people, and smile. This invites the congregation to settle into receiving God's word after the kids leave the sanctuary.

Pre-Reading Script:

2) Say

"Good morning. The Scripture reading today is from the book of _____ chapter _____ verses _____."

TIP: Give 10 seconds for people to turn there.

3) Repeat the Scripture Reference.

"_____ chapter _____ verses _____"

Reading Script:

4) Say

"Hear the Word of the Lord"

Read the Scripture passage (ESV translation)

5) End by saying,

"This is the Word of God"

Look at the congregation once more, take your Bible or printed notes with you, and take a seat.