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Revealing God's Word through Dramatic Presentations of Scripture

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Thank you for selecting our seminar. We hope that the time we spend together will benefit you and your ministry in God's kingdom.

Order of Events

- **Introductions**
- **Using Body Positions to Send Clear Messages: Mime Basics**
- **From Text to Presentation**
Understanding the text: Matthew 5:13-16

¹³“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Possible Exegetical Process

1. Generate questions about the text
2. Look for repeated words and phrases
3. Analyze Use of Words
 - a. Verb tense
 - b. Nouns
 - c. Modifiers
 - d. Phrases
 - e. Metaphors and illustrative speech
4. Imperatives, or commands
5. What is God trying to reveal about God in this passage?

Interpreting the Text

Devotions for lunch

Lunch Break (12:15-1:15)

- **Techniques of Presenting and Rehearsing Scripture**

1. Reading the text
 - a. Narrative mime
 - i. Statutory
 - ii. Pantomime
 - b. Re-enactment (Dramatic Bible/Google voice Bible)
 - c. Reader's Theater
 - d. Puppetry
 - e. Dance/movement
 - f. Sign language
2. Choral reading
 - a. Straight reading: (see examples below)
 - b. Weave with other passage
 - c. Weave other forms of literature
3. Fine Arts
 - a. Painting
 - b. Calligraphy
 - c. Statues
 - d. PowerPoint
4. Video
 - a. Create video
 - b. Movie clips
5. Music
 - a. Sing the passage
 - b. Instrumental

Beatitudes

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Choral Reading: Tell it Straight, Matthew 6:19-24

1: Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,

2: where moths and vermin destroy,

3: and where thieves break in and steal.

1: But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven,

2: where moths and vermin do not destroy,

3: and where thieves do not break in and steal.

1: For where your treasure is,

2+3: there your heart will be also.

2: The eye is the lamp of the body.

1: If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light.

3: But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness.

2: If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

1+3: No one can serve two masters.

1: Either you will hate the one

3: and love the other,

1: or you will be devoted to the one

3: and despise the other.

2: You cannot serve both God and money.

Choral Reading: Integrating two passages, Matthew 5:17-20

V: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.

N: Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

V: You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

N: For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

V: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

N: Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Choral Reading: Text and other form of literature, Matthew 5:43-48

N: You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

V: In the news today, a Christian church was set on fire in Nigeria. Four worshippers were killed.

N: But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.

V: In Cairo, five Christians were beaten and injured trying to enter their church.

N: He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

V: The origin of the earth debate continued in academic circles. Many scholars now claim that a historical Adam and Eve is untenable.

N: If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?

V: Your son, who yelled that he never wanted to see you again as he left the house two years ago, got up and went to work.

N: And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?

V: Your best friend gossiped about you today. Your friends now look at you differently.

N: Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.