



## Scripture Reading at Crossway Multinational Church

Thank you so much for your willingness to serve Crossway through the reading of Scripture in our worship service! Here are some thoughts that might be helpful as you prepare.

### What is the big idea?

“As though he were making the appeal through me.” 2 Corinthians 5:20

We want to read Scripture in a way that reflects its powerful content and its vital importance to us.

### Who can read Scripture in a Crossway worship service?

Scripture reading in the worship service is for people who have a genuine saving relationship with Jesus Christ. You need not be a member of the church to lead in this way. You do need to be in support of our church and its people.

We encourage people who are young and old to share in this way.

### How should I prepare?

It is very important for you to spend some time reading and reflecting on the passage prior to reading it in the worship service. Imagine how the first author would have read this passage, or how the first hearers would have heard it. When the passage has affected you, your reading of the passage tends to be more significant for your hearers as well. That also gives you a chance to work out any difficult words or awkward phrases.

When you read, work to be clear and be sure not to rush. Each word is significant.

### What about reading in another language?

If you are a fluent speaker of another language, we encourage you to read for us in that language as well as English. Work with the pastor to be sure we have the text available in the translation you will use. We also encourage the option of teaming up with a speaker of another language, with one reading English and one reading in the other language. As a reminder, we certainly encourage everyone to consider being a Scripture reader, whether or not you are fluent in a language other than English.

### What should I do when I read?

When you begin to read, it is good to let people know what you will be reading before you begin, such as the verses you will read and the language you will use. When you finish, follow the words on the slide, which are generally:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

We will be projecting the passage in the New International Version so it would be good for you to read from the NIV. If you would like to read another translation, please be in touch. And we'll coordinate with you about advancing the slides for languages other than English.

#### What about reading online?

We are pleased to have people read Scripture when we are unable to meet in person. To do so, you'll need to have a reliable Internet connection, a quiet environment, and the ability to mute and unmute your microphone.

#### What happens on the day when I read?

We ask everyone who is involved in leading a part of the worship service (including reading Scripture) to meet together at 9:40 on the day when you will be reading. We gather (whether in-person or online) to confirm details and to pray together.

#### Are you interested?

Be in touch with [admin@crosswaymchurch.org](mailto:admin@crosswaymchurch.org) for next steps.

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