

This presentation on how to work as a Team Chaplain is not exhaustive.

How do we receive an appointment?

- Club leadership
- Players committee
- Trial presentation
- Trial period
- Team approval
- Referral or recommendation

When do we do ministry?

- Often times on a weekly basis
- Before or after team practices
- Non-game days (unless requested)
- When the coach or team allows

Where do we do ministry?

- In the locker / change room
- On the team bus (road trips)
- A place designated by the team

Who do we minister to?

- The whole team, including coaches, managers, volunteers
- The individual and their families
- The players, church or unchurched
- Those who attend optional events, such as chapel services

How do we present the Message?

- A short (approx. 15 minute) presentation
- Sport or life based (themes)
- Clear Biblical reference/analogy
- Sports Illustrations
- Time for discussion

Characteristics of the message:

- Be Bible based

- Be easily understood
- Produce spiritual fruit
- Include sports related themes and illustrations

What to expect:

- Questions about your experiences as an athlete (should you be an ex-sports person, especially if you're mentoring athletes from your same sport)
- Questions about relationships
- Questions about your family
- Questions about life and about death

How to build trust:

- By visiting trainings and/or practices
- By offering assistance
- By being available

Credits: Paul Kobylarz' documents on Chaplaincy from Vancouver and Turin Olympics – Sport for Life; Traders Point Christian Church