Fourteen-Minute Bible Dedication Service

This service can be held when dedicating Scriptures to be placed in hotels, motels, hospitals, assisted living facilities, jails and prisons, etc. Dedication services should not be held when conducting distributions at schools. It is best to have as many Gideons as possible present at a dedication. The following outline involves seven Gideons. However, a maximum of 12 can participate in the dedication.

GIDEON ASSIGNED

Gideon #1   Moderator

Gideon #2   Opening Prayer (1 minute)

Gideon #3   Who are the Gideons? (2 minutes)
(Note: The following is for information only and is not to be read during the dedication)

An association of Christian business and professional men organized in 1899. The name “Gideons” was chosen after a prayer meeting, based on the story of Gideon as recorded in the sixth and seventh chapters of the Book of Judges. Gideon was a man willing to do what God wanted him to do, irrespective of his own judgment. Humility, faith and obedience were his great elements of character. This is the standard the Gideon Association is trying to establish in all of its members: Ready to do God’s will at any time and any place, in whatever way the Holy Spirit may lead. The Gideons are organized in more than 190 countries around the world, with a membership of more than 180,000.
In the United States, there are over 87,000 members.

Gideon #4   What do we do? (2 minutes)
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Our objective is to win men and women, boys and girls to the Lord Jesus Christ. We do this as Christian business and professional men by expressing our faith in God and showing our concern for the salvation of others as we go about our daily walk of life. We are probably best known for the placement of Scriptures in hotels, motels, hospitals, armed forces, schools, colleges, jails, rescue missions, and other places in the streams of public life. In 1908, The Gideons placed Bibles in the first hotel. Since then, The Gideons have placed more than 1.5 billion Scriptures. While it took 22 years to place the first million copies, today The Gideons are placing Scriptures at the rate of one million copies every six days. Scriptures are now distributed in more than 80 languages.
Gideon #5  Why do we place Scriptures? (2 minutes)
Read Isaiah 55:6-11 or Philippians 2:5-16

Gideon #6  Why do we place Scriptures? (3 minutes)
Testimony of one saved by reading a Gideon-placed Scripture

Gideon #1  Presentation of token Bible to manager, owner or administrator (3 minutes)
- Express appreciation for permitting placement
- Show how the Bible or Testament supplements the physical services of hotel, hospital, etc.

Note: Each Scripture can be read by a different Gideon
1. Light: John 8:12
2. Water: John 4:14
3. Rest: Matthew 11:28
5. Food: Matthew 4:4

Gideon #7  Closing prayer of dedication (1 minute)

Closing prayer by area director.

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