

6:8 Sunday Church Service Templates

Whether your church devotes just a few minutes or the full Sunday service to 6:8 Sunday, you can send a compelling message. After talking with your pastor about the amount of time allotted, use the notes below to guide your planning.

Five-minute Track

Five minutes is the minimum amount of time needed to present 6:8 Sunday to your congregation. The time will pass quickly, so it's important to plan well. Be sure to time yourself beforehand so that you are better able to stick to the time allowed.

Below is a recommended format for your 5-minute presentation.

1. Introduce yourself and share two to three sentences about 6:8 Sunday. (one minute)

Example: "Good morning. My name is Jane Archer. Today, across the nation, churches are observing 6:8 Sunday. 6:8 Sunday is an opportunity for our congregation to discover God's will by focusing on Micah 6:8 which says: "He has shown you, oh man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" As you watch this video, think about what it might mean for you to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God.

2. Show video (three minutes)
3. Give a clear picture of how to respond. (one minute)

Example: "As you just saw, child sponsorship is a life-changing way that we can respond to the call of Micah 6:8. \$28 per month can change the life of a child and his community forever. After today's service I'll have a table set up with child sponsorship packets. (Show a sample packet.) You can find the table outside the sanctuary to your left. I look forward to seeing you there and answering your questions."

Ten-minute Track

If you have ten minutes to present 6:8 Sunday, start with the announcement and video in the Five-minute Track above. Add in a five-minute testimonial before or after the video. Practice the presentation to make sure that you are touching on the most important points without exceeding your time limit.

Below are some recommended elements for a testimonial:

- When did you begin sponsoring a child?
- What is your sponsored child's name? Where does he/she live?
- How have you seen the impact of child sponsorship on the child's life?
- How has child sponsorship changed you and your family?
- Read a few sentences from your sponsored child's most recent letter.

- Why do you trust Food for the Hungry with your sponsorship? (e.g. financial accountability, ministry philosophy, ability to have a personal relationship with a child, etc.)

Full Service Track

If your church chooses to spend all of Sunday morning focusing on 6:8 Sunday, you can expect a profound impact on your congregation. Here's a template for developing a service devoted to God's heart for the poor.

- Music: Ask your worship leader to select songs that speak of God's heart for the poor, weak and broken.
- Announcements: Incorporate the 6:8 Sunday video and announcement outlined in the Five-Minute Track above.
- Testimonial: See the Ten-Minute Track above.
- Sermon: A good starting point for your sermon is Micah 6:8, from which 6:8 Sunday derives its name. Optional sermon notes are available from Food for the Hungry at www.fh.org/68Sunday.
- Children's Sermon: If your church incorporates a children's sermon, Food for the Hungry has provided object lessons at www.fh.org/68Sunday.
- Response: After the sermon, it is important to re-cast the vision for 6:8 Sunday. Pray with the congregation, asking God to work in each person's heart and stir them to action. Remind the congregation that children are available for sponsorship at the back table.