

Periscope Material Guide for Churches

We are excited to be partnering with you in offering the Periscope Experience to your congregation. The information below will provide all the information you need to implement this experience. We recommend using all the material provided. However, it is up to you to determine what is best for your congregation.

The material has five different major components: 1) Church-wide Assessment Tool, 2) Worship Music, 3) Sermon Material, 4) Small Group Material and 5) Daily Contact with Participants. The process and materials associated with each component are described below.

1. Church-wide Assessment Tool

This assessment tool asks your attenders to answer a series of questions about their beliefs. The purpose of this tool is to assess the level of cultural captivity of the participants. It is primarily intended to provide you with unique insights and a baseline for your discipleship goals. This survey is completely confidential. We would like your attenders to take the assessment prior to the first sermon, if possible. Use your bulletin, newsletter, or other appropriate communication venue to ask them to go to: www.surveymonkey.com/s/yourchurchidentifier and take the assessment at their convenience. We will send you an email with the url for your specific church. We will provide you with the results after several weeks.

If you have members that would like to provide their inputs and are not comfortable online, let us know and we will provide a version you can make copies of. You will then need to enter their inputs in the survey monkey site.

2. Worship Music

Your worship leader can access mp3s of our 12 song *Now I'm Bound* collection prepared for us by Jennie Lee Riddle (winner of 3 Dove Awards). We also can provide orchestration for each song for use by your worship team. We will send you CDs of this album (1 for pastor, 1 for worship leader, 1 for each small group leader). Your worship leader may select either PSAT (Piano Soprano Alto Tenor) or full orchestration (every instrument imaginable) versions for each song. We don't expect you to use all 12 songs during the experience. We suggest the following songs with each session.

Session	Topic	Recommended Song
All weeks	Theme for Experience	Now I'm Bound
1	Eternal Perspective	One True God
2	Deceived by Satan	Let Our Worship Rise
3	False Views	This Little Light of Mine
4	False Living	In This House
5	True Reality	Love Like This
6	Renewing Your Mind	Hope of the Broken World
7	True Purpose	Now I'm Bound

When you purchased the church experience, you selected the sheet music type you desired. If you or your members, want to purchase more copies of the music, 1) we will send you a few extra CDs

which you can sell for \$10, or 2) they can be sent to upPeriscope.com to purchase a CD. The music is available by going to www.upPersicope.com and clicking on the Resources tab followed by selecting the Now I'm Bound CD item.

3. Sermon Material

We provide sermon outlines and introductory videos for each of the seven sermons. As long as you preach on the topic, you are free to use as much or as little of the outline as you desire. Please use the associated video with each sermon. The videos can be accessed in the locations indicated in the table below. Your audio-visual team can use them online or download them as they desire.

Periscope Sermon Videos

Week	Sermon Topic	Video Title	URL
0	Promo for Series	Periscope Promo	vimeo.com/probe/promo
1	Eternal Perspective	Now I'm Bound Trust the Almighty	vimeo.com/probe/bound
2	Deceived by Satan	Cultural Captivity Defined	vimeo.com/probe/captive
3	False Views	Spiritual Growth Hormone	vimeo.com/probe/sgh
4	False Living	Siri-ous	
5	True Reality	A Million Little Choices	
6	Renewing Your Mind	The Power of the Gospel	Vimeo.com/probe/dontletmego
7	True Purpose	Periscope Sketch	vimeo.com/probe/sketch

Note: The *Now I'm Bound* video is a music video using the title song of our album. You certainly want to use it the first week. You may want to use it every week or several times during the experience.

Like the Small Group Facilitator's, we also want you to have a copy of *Cultural Captives*. Be sure and include the pastoral staff in the number of Small Group Facilitator's you provide to us so we will send you enough materials for the pastoral staff.

4. Small Group Material

The small group material consists of a *Periscope Facilitator's Guide* covering the seven sessions and a 2 DVD set with videos for each session. In addition, each small group leader will receive a copy of *Cultural Captives*, a copy of *Periscope*, and a *Now I'm Bound* CD. *Cultural Captives* is our recent book presenting the results of our in-depth analysis of the current state of emerging adult, born again Americans. *Periscope* is the book of daily readings for this entire experience.

Special Item: There are three video segments for each small group session. First, there is a thought tickler video for each session. These short videos should be used if your small group sessions are longer than an hour. The second video segment is a short introductory segment (i.e. ~ 3 minutes) which we recommend be used for all sessions. Finally, the third video segment is a longer teaching segment (i.e. ~ 12 minutes). Each small group leader will receive two DVDs with all the video material including discussion questions interspersed throughout the video material. Note: the small groups normally start after the first worship/sermon experience but you could start them the week before if you desire.

Periscope Small Group Videos

Week	Small Group Topic	Video Titles
		Thought Tickler/ Intro / Teaching Video
1	Looking Through God's Periscope	Now I'm Bound / How Big is An Elephant / Grasping Eternity
2	Seeing the Source of Deception	NA / Our Online Profile Page / Deceived by the Father of Lies
3	The Danger of False Views	Cultural Captives / Picking a Custom Faith / The Danger of False Views
4	The Danger of False Living	Spiritual Growth Hormone / Looking for Answers / The Façade of False Living
5	Embracing a True Vision	NA / Paddling to the Big Prize / Embracing True Reality
6	Renewing in the Truth	NA / Connected to the Power / Renewing in the Truth
7	Seeing Above – Living Beyond	Once Captive Sketch / Work Out Your Salvation / Our True Purpose in Life

5. Daily Reinforcement of Periscope Experience

One of the key elements of this experience is that participants are encouraged to interact with the material on a daily basis. This interaction occurs through several mechanisms.

Daily Devotional: each participant should have a copy of Kerby Anderson's book, *Periscope*. We recommend that each participant receive a hard copy of *Periscope*. Additional hard copies may be purchased from upPeriscope.com.

Daily Contact: Each participant will receive a voicemail and/or an email each day with a short thought related to that day's message in *Periscope*. We use a service which will schedule and

deliver these contacts. The easiest way to enter their information is to send us a file with the following information:

Name / Email address / Phone number / Chose email or voicemail or both/

We can then enter the information into the system. We will not use this information for any other purpose. You can delegate this responsibility to your Small Group Facilitators. They can send the information to scable@probe.org. As you have new people join during the series, just send us the same information. If you want to take responsibility for entering this information directly into the system, contact us and we will work with you.

Note: We found that young adults tend to like the voice mail option. This preference is counterintuitive since many of them seldom listen to their voice mails (“just text me”). What we discovered was that this was a different category of information and many preferred listening to a < 2 minute call rather than reading an email.

Summary

Yes, there is a lot of material that makes up this church-wide experience. However, if you look at each area, it is very manageable for the leaders of that area. Let’s summarize the key things we need from you:

1. Encourage your people to take the Church Assessment (if you decide to offer it)
2. Send us the quantity of pastoral staff and small group facilitators you expect to have so that we can send you the hard copy materials you need.
3. Get your worship leader working with the *Now I’m Bound* songs; selecting the ones to use in the worship time.
4. Start reviewing *Cultural Captives* and *Periscope* and the sermon outline for week one.
5. Send us an estimate of the number of hard copies of *Periscope* you will need.
6. Send us the information needed for the daily email/voice mail contact with the participants.

The Periscope Experience is designed to focus the attention of a church on these important issues. We pray that this experience will have a lasting spiritual impact on your church and community.