

TCKF Tour Guide Chaplain Sample Script by Col. Bill Lewis 4/30/15

The following sample tour script was provided by 91 year old Master Evangelist, Col. Bill Lewis on 4/9/15 for the benefit of other TCKF Tour Guide Chaplains. Col. Lewis, a Methodist, has led hundreds, possibly thousands of souls to Christ in his lifetime. Many of these people were brought to the LORD at THE COMING KING SCULPTURE PRAYER GARDEN where Bill faithfully spends many hours each week serving the LORD. Each Certified TOUR GUIDE CHAPLAIN is expected to develop his own script to present to garden visitors, based on available time and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

In keeping with what I believe is God's message to you and the prophets this is the basic information I convey to the tour groups I lead. Based on the time I have with individual visitors I try to share the basics of this text with them. I use the Lord's word, the info we received in training and your TCKF Tour Guide and Chaplain Duties outline as my primary source material.

The following is basically what my tour groups receive. The tour groups I have worked with generally are not interested in a wordy introduction. I call the contact person in advance to get a feel for what the group would like to see and do. If they are not interested in a long history and briefing I ask them to give me ten to fifteen minutes as soon as they get off the bus.

This is, in general, what I do and say: I do not read this nor do I have it memorized; but I cover the message herein contained.

Welcome to the most amazing Christ centered attraction you will ever see. My name is Bill Lewis; I am on the volunteer staff of The Coming King Foundation; the foundation is a 501 3C non-profit organization; it is established as a museum, it is not affiliated with any Christian church or other organized Christian institution. However, it enjoys strong support from a large number of pastors and congregations in our area.

I mentioned I am a volunteer staff member; I have a dual job title; I am a Tour guide and a Chaplain; let me briefly explain my duties: Tour guide first; My job is just as simple as my title; I guide tours; you qualify; let me guide you. One of my most important duties is to point out that we are not yet blessed with indoor plumbing (some of you may have grown up on a farm during the dark ages and are familiar with outhouses) our substitute; you got it right, Porta-potties; they are located right over there. With that out of the way; you notice that I wear this red apron; it is to signify that I am here to serve you. The best way to serve is to determine your wants and needs; the only way to find out what they are is for you to tell me. I am happy to respond to your queries or comments. I do not mind being interrupted; feel free to ask your questions or make a statement any time the mood strikes you. That pretty well covers the guide duties.

Now for the chaplain portion; I will begin responding to this duty with a prayer for each of you and for our time together. Before I begin this prayer let me point out that the majority of our visitors come to the Empty Cross to pray. If any, or all, of you have a prayer request please let me know. I will pray for you before you leave or you may write your request and leave it in the Yellow box I will point out on our tour. A TCKF prayer warrior team lifts all of the written requests up in prayer.

An aside, when you drop your prayer requests in the box the Foundation folks would appreciate a comment card, cards are available, please ask; we want to know what your views are and also any suggestions you may have to improve your experience in the Garden.

The yellow box serves another purpose; you may be curious to know where all of the funding to build this magnificent Garden and Cross came from; the short answer is; it came from nice folks like you. Everything you see here, including the real estate, is paid for. Nothing was, or is, undertaken until the funds are available. You are cordially invited to join us in contributing to God's beautiful garden.

You are also invited to write your requests (or any other message) on one of the rocks you will find along the Mediation Path, felt tipped pens are available, please ask. I will point out the path on our tour. The writings you will observe along the path are similar to the requests people have been writing and leaving in the stones along the West wall of the Temple Mound in Jerusalem for many, many years.

Before I explain the balance of my Chaplain duties let us go to our Loving Lord in prayer;Amen I offer a short inclusive prayer that covers the group, their families, church, our nation and any group concern they have shared with me.

You have just experience one of my major privileges; taking the requests of many suffering souls to the Lord; I rejoice that not all of the requests are for the suffering; praise and thanksgiving are often requested.

My major duty, and the one I take great joy in fulfilling, is to share the Good News of the Gospel message; to share it, especially with those who have not previously received it. Let me explain the reason you see the scripture verses lining the path to the Empty Cross. The purpose of this beautiful garden is not merely to let you enjoy major Christian art donated by three world class artists and marvel at the vision of Max and Sherry Greiner. Incidentally, the two of them are the major contributors of the art you will experience. I just told you what the purpose *is not*; this *is* the purpose: Max and Sherry's *vision and purpose is that this magnificent Cross, Garden and its art collection be the magnet that attracts larger and larger numbers of lonely, lost and suffering souls into an eternal relationship with their Savior.*

It is working!!! I and my brothers and sisters who are blessed to meet and visit with our guests see and hear evidence of its success each time we come to the Cross. Many

people are finding their way to a Home in Heaven during their visit to the Garden, If any of you are harboring a doubt about your final destination please let me know before you leave; I want to introduce you to Jesus; the Jesus who pointed out to Thomas and the others that He is; “the Way the Truth and the Life” the only way to an eternal relationship with the Father.

Getting back to the scriptures, a very fine Dentist, who is also an outstanding Bible student, (Doctor Robbie Carpenter) assembled the seventy seven scripture verses we will see as we stroll to the Empty Cross and make our way back to Jesus. The verses leading to the Empty Cross, the east side of the path, lead one to a better understanding of Jesus, the one the prophets of old foretold, and Jesus our Savior, who loved us enough to die for us. The scriptures on the west side provide insight into how one must behave once one has accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior. You will see as you read these scriptures, *in whichever language is most comfortable for you*, that they are an outstanding teaching and learning tool.

As we continue our tour please do not lose sight of the primary purpose for the Garden and my primary role as a Chaplain. We want everyone who visits to be sure they have a home in heaven. That is why we ask the question of those of you who have been attending church since you were a child. How can one be sure?

Jesus brings us the New Covenant, and provides for our Salvation. If we want to “accept Jesus as Lord and Savior” we must accept what he taught. How can we acknowledge our acceptance? We must go to Him in prayer; a prayer which confirms our faith in who He is.

The following is a sample prayer; you may use your own words; or you may use the prayer you find in The Empty cross.

Dear God I know I'm a sinner, I know I am not where I want to be, and I want your forgiveness! I believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for my sins. I believe He was raised from the dead, He lives! Please wash me clean from all sin, shame, and guilt, come into my life to be my Lord and Savior. I ask these things in your name Jesus.

If you sincerely prayed this prayer or your own, expressing the same convictions you are justified by God's grace through your faith; you have begun your eternal relationship with God; His Spirit has taken up residence in your heart and your home in heaven is assured; these are promises of God; praise be to God, you are an adopted child of the Father.

As I pointed out; if any doubt lingers; pray for Salvation; your Loving Lord is anxious to hear from you. Rest assured He wants you to join the rest of the Born again Believers in His family.

Enjoy your time on the mountain; let us begin our tour.

To all of you who may read this. I try to bring the pure message of the Bible and avoid doctrinal additions.

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