

Protestant Committee on Scouting Guidelines for Distribution Of New Testaments at Camp

1. Testaments are to be transported to the chapel area in time for chapel / vespers by the chaplain. Testaments at Bartle are stored in the chaplains' cabin; at Naish they are stored in the camp office.
2. By the start of chapel / vespers, testaments are to be set out in close proximity to the chapel area to be available to the Scouts at the close of the service.
3. Sometime during the service, the chaplain is to dedicate time to briefly discuss that the Protestant Committee on Scouting has purchased a New Testament for the Scouts. Any Scout who does not already own a Bible and who would really like to have one is invited to take one to keep. The chaplain is to emphasize that there is only to be one per Scout. In addition, s/he should emphasize that if the Scout does not really want one, and the Testament will likely just be kicked around a tent floor and torn apart until the remainder of the session, only to be thrown away at the end, then he is to please not take one. But most importantly, the Committee is delighted for any Scout to take a Testament who would really like one.
4. It is expected that also during the chapel service each chaplain / speaker will talk at least briefly how to use a Testament. This would include such things as recommending places / passages of where to start reading, pointing out the reading aids at the front of the Testament, or talking through the endnotes on the plan of salvation. *[Given the interfaith nature of the service at Naish, the plan of salvation should not be discussed in great depth there.]*
5. The Testaments should then be available for the Scouts after the service. Several older Scouts (as in staff members) can be designated to hand them out as boys approach them and ask for one, or they can be stacked on a bench near the exit. The Testaments are *not* to be given out to each Scout as he enters, exits, or sits in chapel.
6. Of course, the chaplain will need to see that all left over Testaments are safely stored for use at the next service.