



Tips on Creating a Kenya Talk

- Avoid using slang. Try to say things straightforward and simple. Especially since you may be using a translator.
- Use examples that Kenyans can relate to. Using a quote or example from movies or popular American culture probably won't connect. Examples from your personal life are more appropriate.
- Keep talks to no more than 20-30 minutes. Remember, with a translator your talks will go almost twice as long.
- Focus on discipleship. The need in the African church is for believers to be committed, so find stories that relate.
- Retell Bible stories. Do not do a three-point outline. You will need to be very creative in stretching out the story and pulling out the main point. Try imagining what the story would look like if you put it into a modern two-hour movie format.
- Try to include the basic Gospel Message. Most stories in the Bible can somehow be brought back to Jesus. We want to see some folks become saved this summer as well!
- Plan to work around a translator. Learn to speak one sentence at a time and gather your thoughts for the next one while the translator is speaking. This takes a little practice...give yourself some grace!
- Prepare 2-3 sermons, an evangelistic message, and a testimony. You may also want to prepare several Bible Studies and a greeting (great to learn in Swahili!).
- Prepare your talks in advance. You may be asked to speak with little or no warning. A little preparation goes a long way. If possible, have them memorized.