

## BEYOND TEC

**Speaker: Resource**

**Time: Monday, approximately 2:05 p.m.**

**Length: 15 minutes maximum**

### Purpose:

To introduce the “Fourth Day” of TEC. Follow the outline closely. Be careful not to put down life “out there” as compared to a TEC weekend. The purpose of TEC is to help people more fully express their life in Jesus at home, at school, and in their congregation. Since many of the main ideas are printed in the Arise Book, participants won’t need to take notes—but should follow along in the book.

### Outline: Begin Your Talk Here

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 5:14–16

**Response (ALL):** Your light must shine before people so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

### Introduction:

Reflect on the fun of the TEC weekend and how much growth occurred. But also get ready to transition to “Fourth Day”—the many days after a TEC weekend.

#### I. The FOURTH Day of TEC

TEC is really four days: DIE day, RISE day, GO day, and “FOURTH” Day. The first three days were lived under unique conditions where things were taken care of for you and you were clearly in an atmosphere of a Christian community. Fourth Day isn’t always like that.

A. Fourth Day is where we put GO Day into practice.

1. We go! We tell. We witness where God has called us to live and serve.
2. Fourth Day can be tough, but those obstacles can be overcome. When some people don't understand you, or when you sometimes feel down, return to the knowledge of your Baptism and faith in Jesus and the new creation God has made you to be in Jesus. You are surrounded with grace, which gives you freedom to live a life of love as a follower of Jesus.

B. Reasons for a Fourth Day

1. It’s a real life you’re returning to. (The Fourth Day is the rest of your life.) God hasn’t called us to live in a retreat the rest of our lives. He’s given us families, friends, and lives outside of these walls.
2. As a retreat, TEC’s success is measured on how you live in real life in the weeks, months, and years ahead.
3. There will be tough times ahead. There is still sin in the world and in us. But we have the promise of Christ to never leave or forsake us.

4. We have been given a unique gift to share in Christ's mercy, love, and grace! We can't wait to tell others the joy we have.

## II. A Few Notes about Sharing TEC with Others

*(NOTE: As you go through the notes in the Arise Book, ask the participants to follow along as you emphasize the following comments. Do not refer to every note in the Arise Book, just the following.)*

- A. NOTE #1: People on TEC weekends are not perfect, nor the world perfectly evil. However, we know our victory is in sight as we focus on Jesus. Your new TEC friends will sin. There are also great blessings in the world. TEC and the world is not an "us versus them" scenario.
- B. NOTE #4: TEC is not a congregation. Your own home congregation is your true Christian community. Your congregation needs your active participation. After all, that's where God has called you to be!
- C. NOTE #5: You may return, if you wish, to serve on a future TEC weekend on Wheat Team or as a Resource. No one can return a second time as a TECite. An information packet will be given to you shortly. After filling out an online application to serve someone will contact you, letting you know if you are asked to serve. Also, check the website ([showmetec.com](http://showmetec.com), or whatever is the current site address) or the Show-Me TEC Facebook group for information. There is also information for future Hoots so that you can encourage new TECites in the future!
- D. NOTE #10: Avoid forming cliques at school or home.
  1. It's good to be open about TEC with everyone, and it's great to invite others to come. Sharing your positive experience is one of the best ways to get someone else excited about coming. "We have presentations, talks, we worship, we pray, we have fun, just like other retreats."
  2. Just as if you were to recommend a book or a movie, you wouldn't want to give away everything, so it is with TEC. Don't keep it ALL a secret; "I can't tell you about TEC" can create suspicion or unease. Share some of the experience, but avoid too many "spoilers" (such as the Reunion/Hoot on Sunday evening, Wheat Team surprises, special gifts, and so on).
- E. NOTE #11: Let your light shine! Don't be pushy about TEC. Don't force your friends into going on a TEC. ("You have to go on TEC!!") The best thing you can do is let others notice your life in Christ as an encouragement . . . and be sensitive.

## Conclusion:

TEC has been an experience that can't be fully put into words.

- A. Rather, tell others what you personally got out of TEC. Our hope is that Christ has renewed your faith by the power of the Holy Spirit. Encourage others to attend, but be patient. We can share the message of Christ with anyone, whether or not they attend TEC.
- B. Your parents and pastors have been given some information about TEC, however, they may not be prepared for the return of their loved one who has been impacted by TEC: full of energy,

hand-clapping, hugging, and the like. (Be sensitive. Share Christ—share your experience—but don't overpower.)

C. AND—welcome to the TEC community!

QUESTION (asked by Lay Director following talk):

What did I get out of TEC?

No discussion question follows this talk.