

## **Shooting video on your Smartphone**

- ⇒ Be sure the lens is clean. A moistened wipe is best.
- ⇒ If you have a tripod, use it. If not, be sure to keep the image stable by tucking your elbows to your side. Be careful not to shake your phone so that the image will be as stabilized as possible.
- ⇒ Use landscape (horizontal) orientation rather than vertical (portrait).
- ⇒ Fill the frame with your subject.
- ⇒ Use enough lighting so faces and any other necessary elements are visible. Be especially aware of backlighting which can make a person's face dim.
- ⇒ Do not use special effects and, if possible, use the 1080HD setting with 30 frames per second (fps).
- ⇒ Be sure to minimize any background noise or music and check the audio level.
- ⇒ Do several "test" videos to be sure you have the best lighting and audio.

## **Additional Video Drill Tips:**

- ⇒ Be sure all other cell phones are on silent and turn off the ringer on any house phones.
- ⇒ Be sure the phone used for the video (and keeping time) is fully charged before the drill.
- ⇒ If the video will have more than one driller, make a line using a piece of masking tape on the floor. This will assist judges viewing the video to determine who has "stepped forward" and in determining bonus points for Youth/High School Drillers.
- ⇒ If more than one driller, use blank stick-on nametags or index cards with a safety pin to number the drillers.
- ⇒ Instruct drillers to hold their Bibles level. When drillers step forward instruct them to continue to hold their open Bibles level or even tilted slightly downward with the tops of their Bibles facing the camera so that the judges have a good view of the Bible.
- ⇒ If there is more than one driller, be sure judges can view the feet of drillers/line of tape and the Bibles of each driller.
- ⇒ Ask Drillers to speak loudly and clearly as they are reading or reciting verses.
- ⇒ Have the person keeping time call time so that it can be heard on the video. We recommend using a stopwatch or kitchen timer if possible so that it can "beep" at the end of time (8 or 10 seconds.) The stopwatch feature on a cell phone can be used as an alternative.