

THE SWING LOW EXPERIENCE

THE DETAILS

STEP #1

Inquire about a date and secure it with a signed contract and a \$500 deposit, which will be applied toward your final invoice.

STEP #2

After your date is confirmed, a 30-minute meeting will be scheduled to discuss the uniqueness of your event, format, and additional logistics to make the event a success.

STEP #3

The Swing Low Experience

STEP #4

After the event, your organization will receive an invoice that includes all applicable costs, such as: airfare, ground transportation (rental car or rideshare), lodging, a daily meal per diem, and a \$1,500 honorarium.

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- **Southeastern Seminary**
- Teaching Pastor;
- **Imago Dei Church**
- Council Member;
- **The Gospel Coalition**
- Co-Host; **White Horse Inn**



THE FORMAT

Swing Low Experiences can be held in 2 to 4-hour formats. Weeknights are best suited for 2 or 3 hours and Saturdays range more widely.

SCHEDULING

Weekday engagements can be scheduled on Tuesday (evening), Wednesday (daytime or evening), Thursday (daytime or evening), and Friday (daytime). Weekend opportunities are limited but are scheduled for Saturday mornings.

SHARE THE COST

If you're interested in splitting the travel costs with another organization, inquire about adding your event to an existing trip or partnering with a local school, church or organization in your area for your event.

The Swing Low Experience is a joyful celebration of the faithful contributions African Americans have made to Christianity in the United States. It brings together thoughtful teaching, singing Spirituals, and a meaningful culminating moment in which members of your own community participate in guided public readings of historic African American Christian writings that beautifully reflect the depth and faithfulness of the tradition. Your expert guide will be Dr. Walter R. Strickland II who is a tenured theology professor, seasoned pastor, author of *Swing Low, Volumes 1 & 2*, and the Senior Fellow for **The Charles Octavious Boothe Center for the Study of African American Christianity**. Beyond *Swing Low*, Dr. Strickland has written and lectured widely on the contours of African American Christianity and other areas of historic Christian doctrine and church practice.

SUCCESSFUL EVENTS...

- **PRAY** – Begin praying that the Lord would make those who attend ready to hear, feel, and understand the stories and voices of their brothers and sisters in Christ.
- **PLAN** – Identify a point person to communicate with Dr. Strickland and a committed team to help with event details.
- **PUBLICIZE** – Get the word out! Publicize the event to other churches and organizations that you'd be interested in sharing this experience with.
- **BOOK CLUB** – Hosting a book club that concludes with the event enhances the experience. If time allows, Dr. Strickland will have a private question and answer session with anyone who read the book leading up to the event.