

Teaching for Life-Change

Reaching Seekers + Growing Believers

ASSUMPTIONS

Your congregation **VARIES** in faith commitment levels.

God is **HERE**, God is **SPEAKING**, and God wants to **PARTNER** .

Preaching is not “**FEEDING**” but “**CREATING HUNGER**.”

There is a **DEFINED GOAL** for preaching.

Our approach to preaching should be driven by our GOALS.

- Good Goal: Teach the **BIBLE**.
- Better Goal: Teach the **PEOPLE** the **BIBLE**.
- Best Goal: Get the **PEOPLE** to **APPLY** the Bible.

WHAT SHOULD I PREACH ON?

The **TEAM** Approach. [Have a preaching team or a board submit ideas for topics]

PRAYER Requests. [Prayer requests are good indicators of where the church is spiritually]

Book Studies [Topical is biblical, but Books of the Bible is good too]

Your **PERSONAL** prayer and devotional time. [How has God moved you lately?]

Reinforcement of church **VALUES**. [Talk about your church's vision, theology, and history]

HOW DO I PREPARE MY SERMON?

Study the Bible and reduce it down to **ONE POINT**. [Most people cannot remember more than one point, and it is difficult to go deep three times in a sermon]

- If you can't, find the common **THREAD**.
- An aspect of **GOD** and **HUMANITY** must be revealed in the sermon.

“ME-WE-GOD-YOU-US” model. [Model used by Andy Stanley]

- ME: Personal story.
- WE: Create **TENSION**. [Do not create tension that you cannot resolve.]
 - Invite others into the tension. [Show that your personal story is shared by everyone]
 - What would happen if we don't resolve this? [Do not leave the “WE” section until you people are convinced of the tension]
- GOD: What does **GOD** think of this?
 - Begin to **RELEASE** the tension.
 - Pick them up for a **JOURNEY**. [Pick up people along the way to the main point]
 - Always include how you **ARRIVED** at your conclusion.
 - Ask yourself, “Where else is this **TRUE**?”
- YOU: What you should **DO**.
- US: “What would happen if **EVERYONE** did this?”

Sermon Part	ME	WE	GOD	YOU	US
Type	Emotional Alignment	Invitation + Motivation	Information	Application	Motivation
Time	10-15%		50-75%	15-35%	
Style	Narrative	Ranting	Teaching	Command	Vision-casting

HOW DO I DELIVER MY SERMON?

You must be **EXCITED** about your message.

- Use varied tones and speeds.
- Explore your **SPACE**. [Move around, use gestures, etc.]
- Be Conversational (**NO NOTES**). [Do not read transcription]
- Make a **BIG DEAL** about the Bible.

Engage more than one **SENSES** (see, hear, smell, touch, taste, etc.).

- **INVOLVE** the congregation (read together, question, etc.)
- Introduce a new setting every **TEN** minutes. [Show a new slide, change stance, etc.]

Emphasize the **MAIN POINT**.

- Slow down.
- Use visuals.

Find creative ways for people to **REMEMBER**.

HOW DO I DELIVER MY SERMON?

Listen (or watch) your **OWN SERMON**.

INVITE discussion and feedback (team, individuals).

Preacher's Evaluation

Preacher's Name: _____

	DISAGREE			AGREE	
Logos Criteria:					
The sermon is true to the Text	1	2	3	4	5
The Text was used in an insightful way	1	2	3	4	5
The Text the source of the main point	1	2	3	4	5
Theological Criteria:					
The sermon revealed God's character or plan	1	2	3	4	5
The preacher explain a theological truth clearly	1	2	3	4	5
Pathos Criteria:					
The sermon logical in thought and flow	1	2	3	4	5
The sermon focused on one major point	1	2	3	4	5
The sermon orderly and clear	1	2	3	4	5
Practical Criteria:					
The sermon invited the congregation to action	1	2	3	4	5
The sermon was relevant to the majority of the congregation	1	2	3	4	5
Communication Criteria:					
The preacher was conversational and comfortable	1	2	3	4	5
The preacher showed passion for the Text	1	2	3	4	5
The sermon was communicated effectively	1	2	3	4	5
The preacher avoided pulling you out of the experience	1	2	3	4	5

Words of encouragement:

An idea or two for improvement:

OTHER COMMENTS: