

Pre-Sermon Worksheet

Bible Passage:

Observations - What does the passage say?¹

Interpretations - What does the passage mean?

Applications - What am I going to do about what the passage says and means?

Illustrations - Three types: explain, prove, apply

Subject - Ask a Question (who, where, when, what, why, how?)

Complement - Answer the Question (Subject + Complement = **Exegetical Idea**)

Big Idea (12 words or less main point - clear, concise, pithy, real):

¹ 3 Simple Steps for Studying the Bible <http://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-study/tips/3-simple-steps-for-studying-the-bible.html>

Sermon Notes

Bible Passage:

What did you learn?

How did God speak to you?

How can you apply this to your life?

Reflection

What was the Big Idea?

What went well?

What can we work on?

Sermon Component Examples

2 Timothy 3:14-4:4

S: What is Paul's message to Timothy as he approaches his own death and Timothy faces false teachers?

C: That Timothy must continue in his study of the Scriptures, which all point to faith in Christ, the Scriptures are enough for him and his ministry, and he is to preach the Scriptures to all in all seasons even though the world won't want to hear or accept the message.

EI: Paul's message to Timothy as he approaches his own death and Timothy faces false teachers is that Timothy must continue in his study of the Scriptures, which all point to faith in Christ, the Scriptures are enough for him and his ministry, and he is to preach the Scriptures to all in all seasons even though the world won't want to hear or accept the message.

BI: The whole Bible is God's message for us to share. (10 words)

Matthew 5:38-48

S: How does Jesus teach his followers to respond to evildoers?

C: By not resisting them, but offering themselves up, loving their enemies as the Father loves them, sending his Son to suffer all the same hurts.

EI: Jesus taught his followers to respond to evildoers by not resisting them, but offering themselves up, loving their enemies as the Father loves them, sending his Son to suffer all the same hurts.

BI: Grace isn't normal. (3 words)

Matthew 6:19-24

S: Why does Jesus teach his followers to not invest their time and resources in this life, but in the next?

C: Because: 1) heaven offers an imperishable reward; 2) it helps us view this life the right way; and 3) it frees us to fully love and serve God.

EI: Jesus teaches his followers to not invest their time and resources in this life, but in the next, because: 1) heaven offers an imperishable reward; 2) it helps us view this life the right way; and 3) it frees us to fully love and serve God.

BI: Invest in your eternity today. (5 words)