

## STEPS TO PREACHING with UNDERSTANDING OF THE MESSAGE

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1. Brief comments - To thank for Introduction & the program personnel when being introduced (presider, special music, prayer, praise)
2. Prayer - Ask God to speak to us from the Word
3. Theme - Begin with a story related to the theme/title to introduce the message where you are going to speak
  - a) Theme - Present tense
  - b) Objective - To announce what you would like to speak today from the text with a sermon title
4. Reading of the Text - Invite people to turn to the text
  - Point the key verse (emphasize it twice that people would know what is the key verse & sermon title is developed out of the key verse)

Reminder of the preacher/messenger of the Word:

- One KEY IDEA is to be presented that people would understand the message and be able to summarize the sermon in one sentence at the end
  - Preaching is TWO WAY COMMUNICATION from the delivery between the preacher and the congregation to make the text is relevant to their current situations in life that God speaks to them through the Word of God by the preacher of the day: to feel, to think, and to do.
  - Keep a good eye contact with people as you are talking with them. Do not LOOK DOWN on your sermon, rather look at your Bible for the spiritual authority as His messenger.
  - Do not work on your sermon in the worship service. You are the leader to be a role model to worship God.
  - During the week you are to pray for your sermon to think of it, to revise it, and to collect stories/illustrations... You pray for those whom you want to minister & needs of salvation...
  - To have just key outline in your mind to stand up behind the sacred desk to proclaim the life, death, forgiveness, return, judgment of Jesus Christ whom you are called to preach His word.
5. Exposition - To explain the biblical background of the text in past tense what God spoke historically, culturally, linguistically in the light of the New Testament
  6. Interrogative sentence - Ask in one of five W's with key word

7. Outline - To breakdown the message into three subtitles to answer #6 - Text-driven expository outline to be relevant to their needs

I. Subtitle - 1st verse

- explain the verse with illustrations & applications - (Application is to ask them questions from your points)
- cross reference

II. Subtitle -2nd verse

- same as the above

III. Subtitle - 3rd verse

- same as the above

Conclusion & Invitation