



INTRODUCTION

One of the greatest mistakes a preacher can make is believing that sermon preparation begins with writing points. It doesn't. It begins with prayer, study, and organizing what God has revealed through the text.

This outline is designed to help you organize what you have discovered during your study. It isn't intended to replace the work of studying the text. Rather, it helps you capture the central message and communicate God's Word faithfully.

Whether this is your first sermon or you've been preaching for years, every message deserves intentional preparation. A well-developed outline helps you stay focused on the biblical text and lead your listeners toward the truth God intends for them to hear.

Use this outline after you have spent time observing, investigating, and applying the text. Allow it to become the bridge between your study and your delivery.



P3 PREACHER'S REMINDER

- ✓ Is my sermon faithful to the biblical text?
- ✓ Is my central idea clear?
- ✓ Do my points support my central idea?
- ✓ Have I shown my listeners why this matters?
- ✓ What response am I inviting?
- ✓ Have I prayed for the Holy Spirit to work through both my preparation and my delivery?



SERMON TITLE

Purpose: The sermon title introduces the central emphasis of your message. It should be memorable and accurately reflect the theme of the sermon.



SCRIPTURE

Purpose: Record the primary biblical passage your sermon is based upon. Include supporting Scriptures that strengthen or clarify the message while keeping the main text as your foundation.



SERMON IN ONE SENTENCE (CENTRAL SERMON IDEA)

Purpose: This is the one truth you want your listeners to remember long after the sermon is over. Every movement of your sermon should support this central idea.



SERMON INTRODUCTION

Purpose: The introduction prepares listeners to hear the Word. It gains attention, connects with the audience, and introduces the passage and the need.



SERMON MOVEMENTS (POINTS)

Purpose: These movements are the pathway that leads listeners from the biblical text to biblical transformation.

1. Scripture _____ Main Idea _____
2. Scripture _____ Main Idea _____
3. Scripture _____ Main Idea _____
4. Scripture _____ Main Idea _____

Each movement should be rooted in Scripture, support the central idea, build naturally on the previous movement, and move the audience toward application.



SERMON CLOSE

Purpose: The close brings the sermon to its destination. It reinforces the central idea, answers the tension, challenges the listener, and invites a response.

WHAT EACH SECTION MEANS



This is the headline for your message. Keep it clear and compelling.



Let Scripture be your authority. Build your sermon on the Word, not on opinions.



This is your "bottom line." If you could only say one thing, what must they remember?



Set the stage. Help your listeners understand why this text matters and why it matters now.



Explain the text clearly. Show how each point connects to the central idea and what it means for life.

Use illustrations and applications that help people see and respond.



Leave them with conviction and a next step. Challenge without manipulation. Invite a response to God's Word.



FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

The Scriptural Text is God's story of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration—and we are invited to be faithful stewards of that story. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide your study, shape your message, and transform the lives of your listeners.

*Your preparation today
can change a life forever.*

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