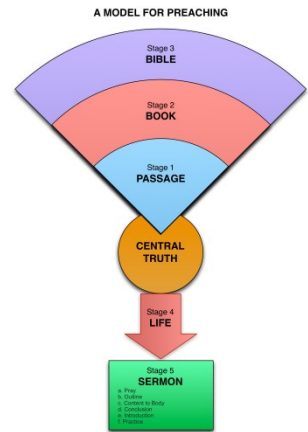


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➤ Remember to pray

STAGE 1 - PASSAGE



Insert Bible Passage/s here

➤ Mark the text

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➤ Ask yourself:

1. What seems interesting in this passage?

2. What am I unsure about in this passage?

3. Genre of passage?

4. What is the passage all about in one sentence?

Possible Passage Structure?

Comments?

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STAGE 2 – The BOOK

1. How does the passage fit into the immediate context and the rest of the Book? What is important about its literary context?

2. What is the situational context of the passage?

- a. Who wrote it?
- b. Who was it written for?
- c. Where was it written?
- d. When was it written?
- e. Why was it written?

STAGE 3 – The BIBLE

- 1. Where in the overall picture of the Bible is the passage?
- 2. What does the passage teach us about the way God does things?
- 3. What does the passage teach us about the way God does things in Jesus?

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CENTRAL TRUTH

- Write a Central Truth Statement for the passage:

- Check yourself

1. Restate it. *In other words...*
2. Explain it. *What does this Central Truth mean?*
3. Prove it. *Is this Central Truth true?*
4. Apply it. *What difference does the Central Truth make?*

- Rework your Central Truth Statement (above – if needed)

STAGE 4 – LIFE and Purpose

For me...

1. How should this passage change my attitude?
2. How should this passage change my behaviour?
3. How should this passage change my understanding?

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For my listener...

4. What do my listeners need to hear to change their attitude, behaviour and or understanding?

By the end of the sermon, I want my hearers to...

Engaging with Life

1. What is it like to live in your listeners' world?
2. Why would they want to go to your destination?
3. Why would they engage with you?

STAGE 5 – THE SERMON

- Pray – do it!
- Use the Sermon Grid Template to:
 - Construct an outline
 - Content to Body
 - Conclusion
 - Introduction

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Text:	Central Truth:			
Sermon Outline	State	Explain	Illustrate	Apply
Introduction				
Point 1				
Point 2				
Point 3				
Conclusion				
Prayer				

- Craft the Sermon Script

Opening Prayer

- *Write Script*

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Introduction

- *Write Script*

Point 1 -

State (and locate):

- *Write Script*

Explain:

- *Write Script*

Illustrate:

- *Write Script*

Apply:

- *Write Script*

Point 2 -

State (and locate):

- *Write Script*

Explain:

- *Write Script*

Illustrate:

- *Write Script*

Apply:

- *Write Script*

Point 3 -

State (and locate):

- *Write Script*

Explain:

- *Write Script*

Illustrate:

Sermon Research Template

- *Write Script*

Apply:

- *Write Script*

Conclusion

- *Write Script*

Closing Prayer

- *Write Script*

- Practice it
- Go and preach it! Praise God – and to him be the glory.