

Sermon Prep Sheet

Scripture:	Topic:	Date:
ETS (Essence of the Text in a Sentence) (Summarizes the Text in 15 words or less) (One central truth stated in the past tense)		
ESS (Essence of the Sermon in a Sentence) (This is the proposition, the sermon in a nutshell of 15 words or less, in present or future tense)		
OBJECTIVE (Why am I preparing this sermon?)(A sentence of 15 words or less in present or future tense)(Stated as an action you want your hearers to accomplish)		
PROBING QUESTION (What do I want to accomplish?)(What, Why, How, Who, Which, When, Where?)		
Unifying Word (Ties together each main division)(Plural noun or plural noun form of a verb)		
Transitional Sentence (Links the introduction with the Outline)(Contains the unifying word)		
OUTLINE		
(Main Point 1) I. (1 st Sub-Point of Main Point 1) A. (2 nd Sub-Point of Main Point 1) B.		
Transitional Sentence		
(Main Point 2) II. (1 st Sub-Point of Main Point 2) A. (2 nd Sub-Point of Main Point 2) B.		
Transitional Sentence		
(Main Point 3) III. (1 st Sub-Point of Main Point 3) A. (2 nd Sub-Point of Main Point 3) B.		
Transitional Sentence		
(Main Point 4) IV. (1 st Sub-Point of Main Point 4) A. (2 nd Sub-Point of Main Point 4) B.		

Introduction

I. Attention Getting Segment (Gain the attention of the congregation in a way that relates to the sermon idea)	
II. Textual Segment (Introduction to the Scripture used in sermon. State the ETS skillfully and quickly)	
III. Relational Segment (Relate the text to the ESS and the objective . Use the probing question and the unifying word)	
Transitional Sentence	(same as front)

Conclusion

I. Reproduction Segment (Reproduce the ESS in a creative manner. A summary of the truth)	
II. Application Segment (Apply the truth to the hearers. Persuade them to accept truth and do something about it. Use objective)	
III. Invitation Segment (Objective determines main emphasis. Invitation to accept Christ, unite with church, commit to God)	

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