

Sermon prep checklist



Collect the Bricks

Know your material: research the meaning of words and phrases in the passage in their context.



Clarify the Architectural Plans

Clarify the structure of your Bible book and passage.



Locate the Building Site

Distil the central theme(s) and aim(s) of the passage, and therefore sermon, into a simple summary of what the sermon will be about.



Build Scaffolding

Construct a sermon outline including applications for each point.



Build the House

Write the script, ideally in full: use appropriate language, with emotional sensitivity, for both believers and non-believers, use specific realities...



Install Clear Windows

Construct good illustrations which help clarify our explanation and application.



Fit the Back Door

Write a clear ending to the sermon: summarise the main points and emphasise the primary applications.



Fit the Front Door

Plan an introduction which invites your hearers into the message of the passage.



Remove the Debris (Cut, Cut, Cut!)

Avoid over-long sermons by being ruthless.



Inspect the House

Re-read the sermon and check each application is a necessary implication of the text.



Live in the House

Before preaching, examine yourself to explore if you are living by your passage. Respond with appropriately repentant faith.

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