

## Specific Guidelines for Outlining the Bible – Preaching & Teaching

### **Suggested order of a deductive expositional sermon from the Bible:**

- I. Opening/Introduction
  - Illustration or Story
  - Transition to relevance to biblical passage
- II. Context/setting
  - Explain/describe the context/setting of the biblical passage
  - State the proposition (statement of the main idea of the sermon)
  - Transitional Sentence
- III. Main body of the sermon
  - Each point should explain/exposit the verses involved in the point being made
  - Each point should build on the previous point towards confirming the main idea
  - If possible or appropriate, an illustration and application can be made for each point
  - A transitional sentence must be made at the end of each point
- IV. Closing/Conclusion
  - restating the main idea, and reiterating the points made which confirm the main idea
  - possible story or illustration to further support the main idea
  - closing comments which reflect the objective of the sermon and appropriate applications

### Objectives of Preaching

- I. The total overall objective is to bring the life of God through Jesus Christ into those who are listening.
- II. Major Preaching Objectives:
  - A. **Evangelistic:** the need for salvation. This objective seeks a response from those who hear the gospel that salvation for lost sinner comes a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.
  - B. **Doctrinal:** the need to develop a more mature understanding of God's truth. This objective seeks for Christians to understand and know God in a much deeper way through a proper understanding of the facts and teachings of the Bible – through preaching that is built on and flows through the proper use of systematic theology, biblical theology and history theology.
  - C. **Ethical:** the need to live in healthy biblical relationships with others. This objective seeks to strengthen the participation and conduct of Christians on a horizontal plane that goes beyond morality - and on into areas such as respect, justice, mercy, authority, grace, love, discipline, etc.
  - D. **Consecrative:** the need to more committed to serve God. This objective seeks the dedication of Christians to a greater degree of service – for the church, the Kingdom of God and in the world.
  - E. **Supportive:** the need to find strength and comfort in times of troubles, struggle and difficulties. This objective seeks to aid those who are in need of God's grace, strength and comfort – so they might experience the fullness of God's love and care for them during the trials of life.
  - F. **Devotional:** the need to grow in Christ. This objective seeks a deeper degree of devotion to God; a greater passion in living for God; a more joyful love for God – all of which flow out of a broken and humble realization of the depths of sinful depravity that is deeply rooted in the heart and soul of every human heart. When acted upon this objective affects all the other objectives of preaching.

## Types of Preaching

Deductive: the process of reasoning by which the preacher proceeds from the general idea to a particular one to develop a sermon theme. The main idea is stated at the beginning and proven throughout the sermon.

Inductive: The process of reasoning in which the preacher proceeds from a particular idea to the general it was drawn from it. The main idea is proven throughout the sermon but not revealed until the very end.

## Forms of Preaching

	<u>Topical</u>	<u>Textual</u>	<u>Expository</u>
<u>Starting Points</u>	Topic	Bible text	Bible text
<u>Number of texts</u>	0 to many	1-2 verses	1 text, 3 or more verses
<u>Theme/Proposition</u>	Subject of Topic	Bible text	Bible text

## Questions to Ask Yourself Before You Preach or Teach

- Do the things that I am about to preach or teach exalt Jesus Christ?
- Will anything I say distract from the main point I am trying to make?
- Will anything I say distract from allowing people to see, think or hear about God?
- Do I, at any point, make much of myself in what I am about to preach or teach?
- Do I, at any point, make much of someone else in what I am about to preach or teach?
- Will people know they have heard from me or from God when I am finished speaking?
- Would I like this to be the last sermon I ever preach or the last class I ever teach?

### **There are No Short-cuts to Knowing the Word of God**

Read the Bible  
Study the Bible  
Memorize the Bible

*I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. (Psalms 119:11)*

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (Psalms 119:105)*

*If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. (John 15:7)*