

Template 2: Constructing a Scenes Sermon - Sermon Focus

7. Hone your Gospel Truth - Try rephrasing 7. Make it as memorable and clear as possible.

8. Decide how to raise Tension - What is the congregational need that the passage addresses? What will raise the listeners' interest? What questions are in the passage?

9. Write the Major Issues - What Biblical concepts must be explained? What conclusions are important? What needs to be illustrated? Write the major issues in sentences.

10. Write your Application sentences - Write sentences that apply the *gospel truth* to the lives of the congregation.

11. Anticipate the Response - After praying, write a sentence describing the response you expect from your sermon. You could start it with the phrase, "I believe God wants to .." or "I expect the listeners to .." The Intention will often have two parts - one that applies to most listeners and one that applies to those with pressing needs (see 5).

12. Link the ideas in 7. to 11. (above) into scenes of a story - Choose 5 to 7 sentences (one of which will contain the *gospel truth*) and link them together to flow like a story.

14. Write the Sermon