

Template 3 - Sermon Outline in Scenes

Scripture passage	Preacher/Date
<p>1. Outline the Passage - Write a series of sentences that summarise the paragraphs of the passage. These sentences should flow like a story and will condense the argument/thoughts/ideas/story/images of the passage.</p>	
<p>2. Summarise the Passage - Write a sentence (with a verb) encapsulating the heart of the passage. Summarise the main ideas of the passage, preferably in the same person, style and tense as the passage. A long sentence is okay.</p>	
<p>3. Determine the Need addressed by the Passage - Write a statement that describes the reason for this passage. What human failing/need (both in biblical times and today) caused God to have this passage recorded? This statement is phrased negatively (a sin or a human need). <i>Contemplate how this problem impacts your life.</i></p>	
<p>4. Decide on the Gospel Truth - Construct a clear, contemporary, concise, timeless, universal sentence nailing the central gospel truth that you deeply want your listeners to grasp and live.</p>	
<p>5. 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).</p>	
<p>6. Outline the sermon in Scenes - Choose 5 to 7 sentences (one of which will contain the <i>gospel truth</i>) and link them together to flow like a story.</p>	