

SUNDAY—SERMON

Homiletics: How Do I Present It?



Objective:

To preach the message with all the natural authority of the biblical text!

Goal:

To arrive at the pulpit fully prepared and relaxed, but with the intensity that befits someone who brings a message from God and wants to see people touched by that message.

Task 1. Prepare the document that you will bring to the pulpit.

To do: Format the version of the outline or manuscript according to your personal preferences taking into account questions of font size, page numbers, highlighting text for emphasis, sections to cut if you run short on time, and printing up additional copies.

Task 2. Rehearse for fluency and naturalness.

To do: Practice the presentation of your outline or manuscript several times (practicing key gestures) for fluency and naturalness.

Task 3. Pray the manuscript.

Place each section of your sermon before the Lord in prayer. Dedicate the message to him, paragraph by paragraph.

To do: Pray that God will use each one of the main points. Ask Him to correct you if something is wrong. Ask Him to help you communicate that difficult idea in paragraph 3 on page 5 in a way that honors Him. Ask that the introduction will grab people's attention. Ask that the conclusion will move people to reflection, or repentance, or some decision. Ask that your tone of voice and gestures will not be a distraction. Pray, above all, that God's excellence and truth will be fully grasped.