Preaching to Change Lives

OUR GOAL AS A PASTOR OR LEADER OF A LOCAL CHURCH IS TO HELP PEOPLE KNOW JESUS AS SAVIOR AND LORD AND ENTER A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.
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Our goal is to show them the way of God so as to live a life that is pleasing to Him.
ALL OF THIS INVOLVES CHANGE. ONE OF OUR PRIMARY GOALS AS A PASTOR AND LEADER OF A LOCAL CHURCH IS TO HELP BRING CHANGE TO A PERSON’S LIFE BY WISDOM AND GRACE.
HEBREWS 4:12

FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND POWERFUL, AND SHARPER THAN ANY TWO-EDGED SWORD, PIERCING EVEN TO THE DIVISION OF SOUL AND SPIRIT, AND OF JOINTS AND MARROW, AND IS A DISCERNER OF THE THOUGHTS AND INTENTS OF THE HEART.
WE TEACH AND PREACH TO CHANGE THE THINKING AND ACTIONS OF OUR LISTENERS.
Preach and Teach What is Useful to Them

1. THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
2. THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH FAMILY
3. THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS
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4. THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR FINANCES
5. THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR WORK
6. THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THEMSELVES (OVERCOMING THE FLESH AND PROBLEMS OF THE SOUL – MIND, WILL AND EMOTIONS)
You as the pastor or Senior Leader must become an expert in these subjects!
PREACHING AND TEACHING IN A SERIES MEANS CHOOSING ONE SUBJECT AND PREACHING AT LEAST FOUR SERMONS ON THAT SUBJECT ONE AFTER THE OTHER. FOR EXAMPLE:
EVANGELISM:

SERMON #1: MAN’S PROBLEM: SIN
SERMON #2: GOD’S SOLUTION FOR MAN’S PROBLEM: THE HOLY SACRIFICE
SERMON #3: HOW TO SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY
SERMON #4: HOW TO LEAD SOMEONE TO FAITH IN CHRIST
FAMILY:

SERMON #1: GOD’S PURPOSE FOR THE FAMILY
SERMON #2: THE ROLE OF THE HUSBAND IN THE FAMILY
SERMON #3: THE ROLE OF THE WIFE IN THE FAMILY
SERMON #4: LEADING YOUR CHILDREN IN GOD’S WAY
Most People Forget What we Preach!

WHAT CAN WE, AS PREACHERS, TEACHERS AND PASTORS TO HELP OUR LISTENERS TO REMEMBER THE WORD OF GOD WE PREACH TO THEM?
4. Use pictures, stories and object lessons to help them remember important points.

5. Ask our listeners to repeat after us important words and points.
6. Ask the listeners to make a declaration of obedience or faith when we finish our lesson.

7. Ask our listeners to meet in small groups to discuss the important points.
Plan your preaching for at least three months in advance

1. GOD’S PLAN AND PURPOSE
2. THE VISION OF YOUR CHURCH
3. EVANGELISM
4. FAMILY
5. FINANCES
6. RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS
7. BIBLE DOCTRINE
8. HOW TO SOLVE BIG PROBLEMS IN LIFE
Don’t be afraid to preach the same subject more than once because people won’t remember it.
Preaching Techniques

1. BE POSITIVE AND SMILE
2. LOOK AT THE LISTENERS IN THE EYES
3. NOTICE IF THEY ARE PAYING ATTENTION TO YOU OR DISTRACTED
4. SPEAK TO THEM
5. Get close to them if possible
6. Raise and lower your voice to help them pay attention
8. Emphasize your important points
9. Use stories to explain your points
10. USE OBJECTS TO EXPLAIN YOUR POINTS
11. USE PICTURES TO EXPLAIN YOUR POINTS
12. DON’T STAND IN ONE PLACE ALL THE TIME YOU ARE PREACHING
13. Ask the listeners to read the Bible with you

- This helps them to know that you are teaching God’s word, not just your ideas.
THIS HELPS THEM READ THE BIBLE
BECAUSE MANY OF YOUR LISTENERS
DON’T READ THE BIBLE MUCH
THIS HELPS THEM KNOW WHERE THE BOOKS AND VERSES IN THE BIBLE ARE FOUND
14. ASK THE LISTENERS TO REPEAT KEY WORDS AND PHRASES AFTER YOU
Seven Laws of the Teacher

1. ALLOW GOD TO WORK IN YOU AND CHANGE YOU BY HIS WORD FIRST.

2. UNDERSTAND THAT PEOPLE LEARN DIFFERENT WAYS. USE MANY DIFFERENT METHODS TO COMMUNICATE YOUR LESSON.
Seven Laws of the Teacher

KNOW YOUR LISTENERS BEFORE YOU PREACH OR TEACH THEM: YOUTH? OLD PEOPLE? EDUCATED OR NOT EDUCATED? NEW CHRISTIANS? NOT YET CHRISTIANS? COMMON FAMILY OR FINANCIAL SITUATIONS.
Seven Laws of the Teacher

3. GET THE LISTENERS INVOLVED IN YOUR LESSON. THEY WILL REMEMBER:

- 10% OF WHAT THEY HEAR
- 50% OF WHAT THEY SEE
- 90% OF WHAT THEY DO
Seven Laws of the Teacher

4. KNOW YOUR LISTENER’S NEEDS AND COMMUNICATE WHAT YOU KNOW, WHAT YOU FEEL AND WHAT YOU DO ABOUT THOSE NEEDS. THIS WILL CONNECT YOU TO THEIR HEART.

5. CARE ABOUT THE PEOPLE YOU ARE TEACHING.
Seven Laws of the Teacher

6. HELP THE LISTENERS DISCOVER WHAT THEY NEED AND SHOW THEM HOW GOD CAN HELP THEM WITH THEIR NEEDS.
Seven Laws of the Teacher

7. HELP THE LISTENERS APPLY WHAT YOU TAUGHT THEM.

- IF YOUR LISTENER IS NOT CHANGING PERHAPS IT’S BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT TEACHING WELL.
• EACH LESSON OR SERMON SHOULD HELP EQUIP THE LISTENER TO HAVE SUCCESS IN THE SPHERES OF LIFE
• TEACH TO CHANGE THINKING, EMOTIONS AND CHARACTER
Be Clear in Your Teaching

ASK YOURSELF TWO QUESTIONS. IF YOU CANNOT ANSWER THESE TWO QUESTIONS IN TWO SIMPLE SENTENCES YOU ARE NOT CLEAR IN YOUR PURPOSE IN PREACHING OR TEACHING.
Be Clear in Your Teaching

IF YOU ARE NOT CLEAR YOU LISTENERS WILL NOT BE CLEAR. GO BACK AND PRAY AND STUDY AGAIN UNTIL YOU ARE CLEAR.
Be Clear in Your Teaching

1. WHAT DO I WANT MY LISTENERS TO KNOW BECAUSE OF MY LESSON?
2. WHAT DO I WANT MY LISTENERS TO DO BECAUSE OF MY LESSON?
A Sample Sermon

1. INTRODUCTION (USE A STORY IF POSSIBLE)

2. THREE MAIN POINTS: (TRY TELL A STORY OR AN ILLUSTRATION FOR EACH POINT IF POSSIBLE TO HELP THEM REMEMBER)

   A. THE PURPOSE OF A TESTIMONY
   B. THE THREE POINTS OF A TESTIMONY
   C. AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY
A Sample Sermon

3. CONCLUSION:
   - “WHAT I WANT YOU TO KNOW….WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO…”
   - END WITH A STORY OR AN EXAMPLE
   - CALL THEM TO RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD
Transition Sentences

A “TRANSITION SENTENCE” IS THE SENTENCE THAT WILL LEAD YOU FROM ONE PART OF THE SERMON TO THE NEXT.

KNOW WHAT YOUR TRANSITION SENTENCES ARE BEFORE YOU PREACH.