Chapter 7
Constructing A Sermon:
Putting it all together

In this chapter we focus on adding the body, summary, and introduction of the sermon. A sermon template is also given as a means to structure the sermon.

7.1 Introduction

7.2 Working with a Sermon Template

- Understand "The Big Idea"
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- Understand the Congregation
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- Understand the Bible Word
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- Understand the Goal
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- Body

- Introduction

Sermon Preparation Template

1 The Big Idea

Title: Following despite our weaknesses **Date:**

Bible Word:

Message:

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2 The congregation:

(Think of how the "world of meaning" of this sermon relates to the "world of meaning" of the members. Which meanings can be affirmed, challenged, corrected, or complimented? What have you learned from feedback or discussions with members?)

3 The Bible Word:

(Understand the meaning of the text in its original literary and historical context)

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6 Introduction:

("Hook", Introduce "The Big Idea", Title, Explain Bible word, connection with previous service/monthly theme)

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5 Body:

Summary:

4 "Take home" value:

(To gather? Equip? Send? What should members understand, feel, believe, or decide? What should they "take home" with them?)

7.3 Understand the Main Points

- *gathered*
- *equipped*
- *sent*

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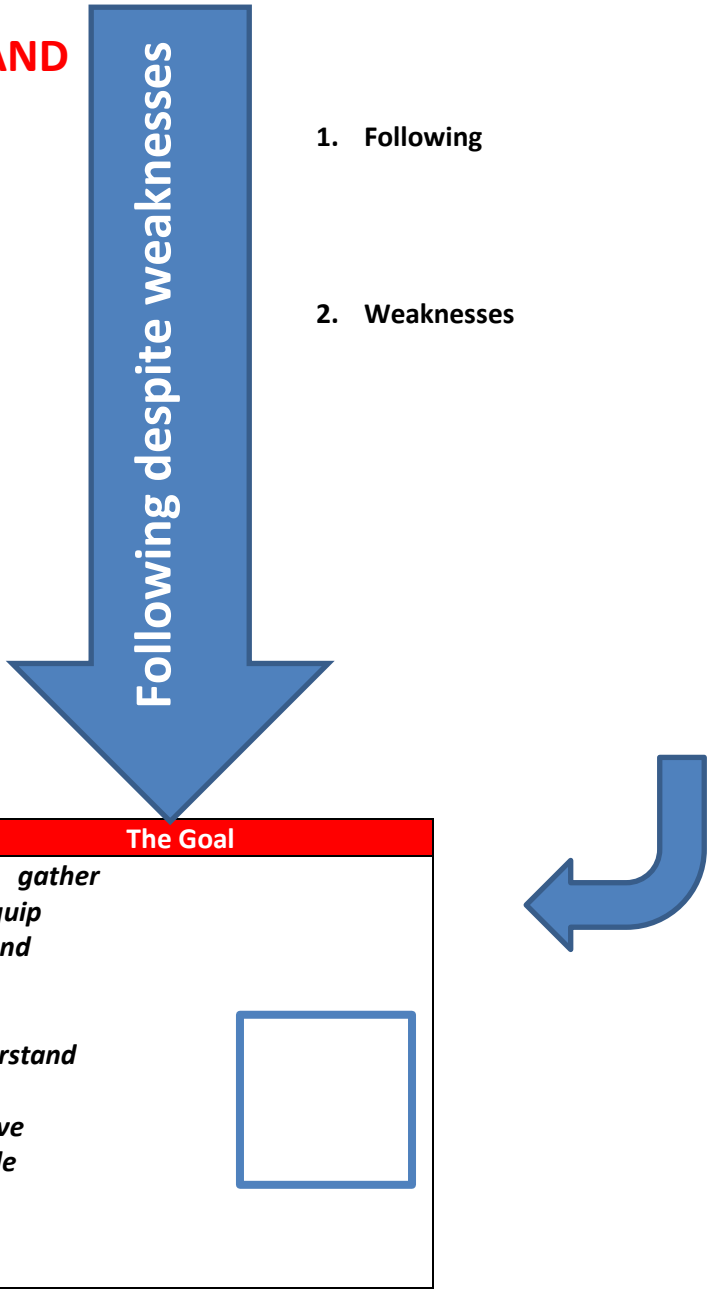
Very important: Does the main points (the journey) lead to "the goal" (the destination) of the sermon?

5 UNDERSTAND THE MAIN POINTS



7.3.1 The “Old” versus the “New”

what *how*

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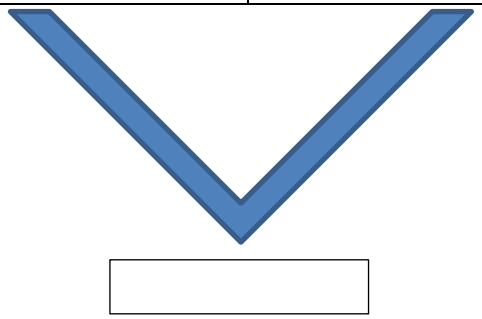

7.4 Understand the Introduction

6 UNDERSTAND THE INTRODUCTION

Introduction:

7.5 Completing the Sermon Preparation Template

Sermon Preparation Template

1 The Big Idea

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Bible Word:
Message:

2 The congregation:
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3 The Bible Word:
(Understand the me

Only this area will form the actual content of the sermon you will deliver

6 Introduction:
("Hook", Introduce "The Big Idea", Title, Explain Bible word, connection with previous service/monthly theme)

5 Body:
Following:

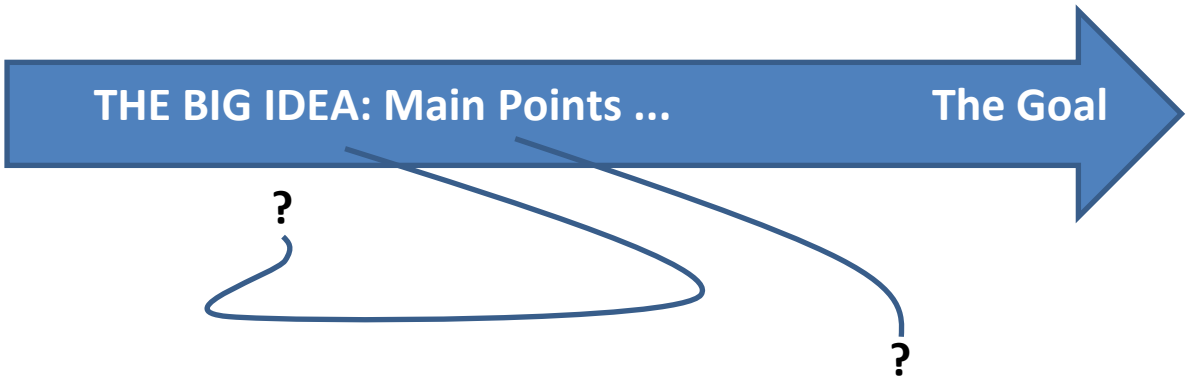
Despite Our Weaknesses:

Summary:

4 "Take home" value:
(To gather? Equip? Send? What should members understand, feel, believe, or decide? What should they "take home" with them?)

7.6 Sermon Delivery

7.6.1 The Do's

7.6.2 The Don'ts

7.7 Time for Reflection