

What Is An Expository Sermon?

Just as man may put on an Art Exposition (display) to reveal some work of art, the exposition of Scripture is the placing out, or the displaying of the truth contained in a chosen passage of Scripture. The expository sermon takes the main thought of a portion of Scripture and then seeks to expose and explain it, in the light of its context, within the particular passage in which it occurs. Therefore, the main points that form the outline are drawn directly from the passage that is being expounded. Each contestant will preach an expository sermon. An example expository sermon outline is provided below. **Note: This is a sample. You are expected to write your own outline. Seeking advice and help from your pastor or youth pastor is permitted.**

Message Title: The Gospel Of Jesus Christ

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Theme: The true Gospel of Jesus Christ is based upon the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ; and when the gospel is accepted by faith, sinners are saved and their life is changed.

I. The Preaching Of The Gospel – 1 Cor. 15:1-2

- A. The Corinthians Received The Gospel From Paul – 1 Cor. 15:1
- B. The Corinthians Were Saved By The Gospel Paul Preached – 1 Cor. 15:2

II. The Facts Of The Gospel – 1 Cor. 15:3-8

- A. The True Gospel Speaks About Christ's Death For Our Sins – 1 Cor. 15:3
- B. The True Gospel Speaks About Christ's Resurrection From The Grave – 1 Cor. 15:4-8
 - 1. Christ's resurrection was prophesied in the Scriptures – 1 Cor. 15:4
 - 2. Christ's resurrection is validated by many witnesses – 1 Cor. 15:5-8

III. The Result Of The Gospel – 1 Cor. 15:9-11

The result of accepting the gospel by faith is a changed life. Paul uses his own life as an illustration of this truth.

- A. Paul Was Once A Sinful Persecutor Of The Gospel Message – 1 Cor. 15:9
- B. Paul Is Now A Saved Preacher Of The Gospel Message – 1 Cor. 15:10-11

Helpful hints in preparing an expository sermon:

1. Select the passage to be expounded.
2. Seek to discover its main theme, or subject.
3. State the theme in a concise statement of the principle truth which has been revealed by the text that was chosen.
4. Discover the contributing thoughts in the passage that illustrate the theme, or that spring forth from the theme.
5. Write these thoughts down in your own words.
6. Arrange the thoughts gleaned from the passage in an outline form with main points and sub points.
7. Prepare the sermon by "putting meat" on the outline you have gleaned from the passage.

What Is A Topical Sermon?

When using the topical method for preaching, the preacher gets his topic from the Bible and treats it as the Bible treats it. When preaching a topical sermon, the topic controls the contents and the development of the sermon. An example topical sermon outline is provided below. **Note: This is a sample. You are expected to come up with your own topic and outline. Seeking advice and help from your pastor or youth pastor is permitted.**

Title: Have You Offended The Holy Spirit Of God?

Text: Acts 7:51-60; Various Texts

Theme: It is possible for both saved and unsaved to commit offenses against the Holy Spirit of God which can result in horrific consequences.

I. Offenses Against The Holy Spirit Often Committed By Unsaved People

- A. Resisting The Holy Spirit – Acts 7:51
- B. Blaspheming The Holy Spirit – Matthew 12:31-32
- C. Insulting The Holy Spirit – Hebrews 10:29

II. Offenses Against The Holy Spirit Often Committed By Saved People

- A. Lying To The Holy Spirit – Acts 5:3-4
- B. Grieving The Holy Spirit – Ephesians 4:30
- C. Quenching The Holy Spirit – 1 Thessalonians 5:19

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2012 Young Man Preaching Challenge
Preaching Evaluation Form

Category: (circle one)

Expository

Topical

Church: _____

Preacher: _____

Text: _____

Time: _____

Each participant should strive to preach a message that is between 8-10 minutes in length.

I. Personal Presentation (20 points)

Comments

_____ Eye contact made

_____ Natural in mannerisms and speech

_____ Shirt/tie – neat appearance and shoes shined

II. Introduction Of Message (10 points)

_____ Gains attention

_____ Preacher offered a concise statement of the principle truth that he proposes to expound upon in the sermon.

III. Outline Of Message (15 points)

_____ Points derived from text and related to subject

_____ Supporting points clearly and logically support the main points.

_____ Well arranged

IV. Supporting Materials (15 points)

_____ Good use of illustrations that were appropriate

_____ Illustrations connected with audience

V. Application From The Message (10 points)

_____ Clearly connected to text and theme

_____ Relevance to audience was stressed

_____ Challenging and convicting

VI. Conclusion (10 points)

_____ Brings the main theme of message into focus

_____ Moves the audience to make a decision based upon what the Word of God calls us to do in connection with the main theme.

VII. Delivery (20 points)

Style

_____ Clear, direct and personal

_____ Attitude – Earnest, humble, confident in having a message from God.

Movement And Gestures

_____ Gestures – Natural and appropriate

_____ Posture – Confident, not slouching or leaning on pulpit

Vocal Delivery

_____ Scripture reading was clear, reverent, not rushed

_____ Pitch (voice inflection) natural; not overly dramatic

_____ Volume was loud enough to be heard and appropriate

_____ Rate of speech – not too rushed with proper pauses

Time Limit - Deduction of 5 points for being under 8 minutes or over 10 minutes

Total points: _____

Horizontal lines for writing answers.