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Uniquely God—What about the passage is important for the way God unfolds his plan of salvation in history? What's unrepeatable by us but worthy of worshiping God for?

Love Connection—How does this passage demonstrate the love of Jesus in its fullness? What are the implications for how we are called to imitate Jesus' life of love? How does love inform this truth?

Public Square—What does the passage say about our lives and roles in the public sphere, both as Christians and non-Christians (e.g., government, work, school, neighborhood)?

Our Church—What does the passage mean for the corporate life of our church? How does it call the church family to tend to its corporate life together and witness to the unbelieving community around it? What does it imply for being the best friend our community has?

Regular Attender—What does the passage mean for the life of the individual Christian? How does it call him/her to deeper repentance and belief? How does it warn, rebuke, correct, motivate, comfort, or encourage him?

Suffering & Hurting—What does this passage say to those who are hurting? What encouragement does it offer? What example is provided? What truths offer hope?

Unsaved "Christian"—How does this passage challenge those who think they are saved but aren't? What warnings, contrasts, tests, and invitations does it provide?

Fading Teenager—How does this passage connect with a teenager who is skeptical toward the reality of Christianity? What might surprise him or cause him to sit up and pay attention?

Unchurched Men—How does the passage speak to an unchurched man? How does it call him to repentance and belief? How does it warn, rebuke, correct, or prod the unbeliever? What does it say about the danger of his situation, the exclusivity of Christ, his need for a Savior, or the sufficiency of that Savior as a substitute for him?

	Point 1	Point 2	Point 3
Uniquely God			
Love Connection			
Public Square			
Our Church			
Regular Attender			
Suffering & Hurting			
Unsaved "Christian"			
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Unchurched Men			



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Stronger Language with Transitional Verbs and Key Nouns

As preachers, we know that words matter. Specific words can carry particular meaning and make a big impact. Too often, however, we lazily drift into language ruts in our sermon outlines and points.

You know you're in a rut when you're saying, "This passage shows us three things about ____." Yawn.

The following list of transitional verbs and key nouns helps you become more specific and thoughtful with your language. You could say:

- "This passage *draws attention* (transitional verb) to three *deficiencies* (key noun) in the human heart."
- "Today's text *proclaims* four blessings of walking with God."
- "In this sermon I want to identify three omissions that we rarely notice in the Christian life."

As you craft your next sermon, consider using some of these stronger words to create more engaging and effective content.

Transitional Verbs

announces	draws attention to	indicates	reveals
answers	emphasizes	introduces	sets forth
anticipates	enumerates	names	stipulates
concedes	exemplifies	notes	suggests
declares	explains	offers	supplies
demands	expounds	presents	teaches
demonstrates	expresses	proclaims	touches upon
describes	highlights	produces	unveils
deserves	identifies	pronounces	
desires	implies	results in	

Key Nouns

abuses	blessings	deficiencies	experiences
accusations	calls	definitions	expressions
acts	causes	degrees	facets
actualities	certainities	demands	factors
admonitions	challenges	denials	facts
advantages	changes	destinies	failures
affairs	charges	details	faults
affirmations	claims	devices	favors
agreements	clues	differences	fears
aims	commitments	directions	features
alternatives	comparisons	directives	finalities
angles	compensations	disciplines	forces
answers	compromises	disclosures	functions
applications	compulsions	discoveries	fundamentals
approaches	conceptions	distinctions	gains
areas	concessions	doctrines	generalizations
arguments	conclusions	duties	gifts
aspects	conditions	elements	graces
aspirations	consequences	encouragements	groups
assertions	contrasts	essentials	habits
assumptions	corrections	estimates	handicaps
assurances	credentials	events	hopes
attainments	criteria	evidences	hungers
attitudes	criticisms	evils	ideas
attributes	customs	examples	imperatives
barriers	dangers	exchanges	implications
beginnings	decisions	exclamations	impressions
beliefs	declarations	exhortations	improvements
benefits	defenses	expectations	impulses

incentives	needs	prophecies	statements
incidents	notions	propositions	steps
indictments	objections	provisions	stipulations
inferences	observations	qualifications	successes
injunctions	obstacles	qualities	suggestions
insights	offers	questions	superlatives
inspirations	omissions	realities	suppositions
instances	opinions	realizations	surprises
instructions	opportunities	reasons	symptoms
instruments	particulars	reflections	tendencies
intimations	peculiarities	refusals	testimonies
invitations	penalties	remarks	tests
items	perils	remedies	thoughts
joys	phases	reminders	threats
judgments	phrases	requirements	topics
justifications	pledges	reservations	totalities
kinds	points	resources	truths
lessons	possibilities	responses	urges
levels	practices	restraints	uses
liabilities	premises	results	values
losses	prerogatives	revelations	views
loyalties	principles	rewards	violations
manifestations	priorities	risks	virtues
marks	probabilities	rules	voices
methods	problems	safeguards	warnings
mistakes	processes	satisfactions	ways
moments	promises	secrets	weaknesses
motives	promptings	sins	words
movements	pronouncements	sources	
mysteries	proofs	specifications	



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Sermon Evaluation Form

Sermon Evaluation

Speaker's Name _____ Your Name _____

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Content					
1. The speaker gave me a reason to listen early on in the message.	1	2	3	4	5
2. It was clear where the speaker was driving, and the progression of points was traceable.	1	2	3	4	5
3. The message points were clearly rooted in the primary text and in line with the rest of Scripture.	1	2	3	4	5
4. The gospel was proclaimed as the solution rather than simply being told to try harder.	1	2	3	4	5
5. The message motivated me to change.	1	2	3	4	5
Feel					
6. It seemed like the speaker really cared about the audience, not just delivering the message.	1	2	3	4	5
7. It was clear the speaker understood the hearer's hopes, fears, problems, concerns, etc.	1	2	3	4	5
8. The humor and illustrations enhanced the points but didn't overshadow them.	1	2	3	4	5
9. I would have wanted my unchurched friends to hear this message.	1	2	3	4	5
Delivery					
10. The message consistently held my interest.	1	2	3	4	5
11. The speaker had the material mastered and was not too stuck to notes.	1	2	3	4	5
12. The speaker effectively "changed gears, using vocal inflection that fit the moment.	1	2	3	4	5
13. The speaker spoke clearly and had good fluency (avoiding 'ums' and 'uhs' and other filler words).	1	2	3	4	5
14. The speaker's body language enhanced the message but was not too distracting.	1	2	3	4	5
Total Score: <input type="text"/> / 70 = <input type="text"/> %					

Sermon Feedback

To the best of your ability, summarize the *main point* of the sermon.

What were the most impactful illustrations?

What was the best part of the sermon?

What other comments (*encouragement or critique*) or suggestions do you have?



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