



Sermon Whisperers: structure and rhetoric

At your December meeting, designate a Sunday in the weeks before this month's meeting when all the Sermon Whisperers will listen to the same sermon.

1. Welcome
2. Prayer
3. What are you learning about what goes into crafting a sermon as a Word from God?
4. Watch the following "How to Listen to a Sermon" video on "Structure and Rhetoric."¹
5. Feedback on this month's sermon. Complete the form at the bottom of this page or discuss the questions together
6. Decide which Sunday sermon the Sermon Whisperers will next provide feedback on.
7. Read the preaching text for that sermon together.
8. Go through the T.R.I.P. process laid out in the video.
9. If you'd like to get a jump on February, watch the video on "Illustrations" and distribute the month's feedback form.
10. Pray for God's Word to come to the group and for God to be present as the preacher prepares the sermon.

Feedback form

Say something about the sermon's delivery.

Say something about the sermon's faithfulness to scripture.

Illustrations

What was the most helpful illustration? Why?

Could the sermon have used more or fewer illustrations? How well did they support the passage of God's Word or overshadow it?

Was there any illustration that seemed inappropriate? If so, why?

¹ Iowa Preachers Project videos on "How to Listen to a Sermon" are found at www.iapreachers.org.