



Sermon Whisperers: theology

At your March 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 would you like to ask your preacher about their process of developing sermons?
4. Watch the "How to Listen to a Sermon" videos on "Theology: Law: and "Theology: Gospel."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. Make plans for how your group will celebrate your preacher's work, your own learning, and God's gift of the preached Word next month.
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.

Say something about the sermon's structure and rhetoric.

Say something about the sermon's illustrations.

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

Say something about the sermon's language.

Theology

Did this sermon touch you, work on you, grab hold of you? Or did it allow you enough distance to ignore God's activity and get off the hook?

How well did this sermon integrate both God's judgment/demands in the Law and what God does in the person of Jesus Christ for those who are bound by sin?

Did Jesus have to die for this sermon to be preached? In other words, did it acknowledge the cross but then leave the burden for salvation on its hearers' actions or responses? Or did it hinge on God's decision for you?