



Sermon Whisperers: language

At your February 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 following "How to Listen to a Sermon" video on "Language."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 April, watch the two videos on "Theology" 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.

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.

Language

How careful and/or creative was the sermon with language? Was it pedestrian or interesting?

How well did the language match the setting and the character of the sermon's hearers?
Too intellectual? Too casual?

What was a turn of phrase that grabbed you in the sermon? Why?