FEBRUARY

Sermon Whisperers: illustrations

At your January 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 have you told others about your participation in this group?
4. Watch the following "How to Listen to a Sermon" video on "Illustrations."[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 March, watch the video on "Language" 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.

<u>Illustrations</u>

What was the most helpful illustration? Why?

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

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

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