

The Different Ways of Preaching

The three most common are: verse by verse, thematic and narrative.

- **Verse by verse preaching.** Verse-by-verse preaching is the systematic reading and explanation of a biblical text.
- **Thematic preaching.** Thematic preaching is the one that focuses on a specific topic. It is when a theme is taken and developed throughout the preaching. For example, if you are going to talk about love, verses are taken about it and the preaching is carried out while staying on that subject.
- **Narrative preaching.** A narrative sermon causes listeners to ask questions, seek more information, anticipate the ending, and become part of the story as it is told.

How to prepare an outline to preach.

Every outline contains three parts: **introduction, development and conclusion.** It is extremely important that each of these parts are related to each other so that the sense of organization and theme is not lost.

Things you should do before preaching.

- What do you want to preach about?

- Choose a theme.
- Choose biblical verses that speak or illustrate the topic.

Steps to follow.

- When taking the microphone; you introduce yourself and greet the congregation.
- Then you can start by mentioning the biblical text or texts that you are going to use.

During the **Introduction** it is important to catch the interest of the listener. Here you can present the topic on which you will be preaching.

In the **development**; you can mention different points that you have written in your outline.

Example:

Topic: Four small but wise things.

Bible Verses: Proverbs 30:24-28 *“There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise: 25 The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer; 26 The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks; 27 The locusts have no king, yet go they*

forth all of them by bands; 28 The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.”

Developing.

- The ants prepare for the future (30:25). You can talk about the need to be prepared for the future.
- Rabbits build their houses in stones (30:26). You could talk about the importance of having a good foundation in God.
- Locusts walk in unity (30:37). Mention that the strength of the believer depends on the unity of the body of Christ.
- Spiders are everywhere (30:28). You can say that God wants you to be effective and go far with the message of salvation.

The conclusion should be short. You have two important parts; summary and challenge The challenge calls for action. What are we to do with what we have heard?