

PREACHING SELF-EVALUATION

The Preaching Collaborative has surveyed over 1,650 congregants from 132 churches across over 50 districts to gain their insight about effective evangelistic preaching.* This survey is based on their responses.

**As of June 2024.*

1. When watching myself preach I imagine that others see me as authentic and appropriately transparent and vulnerable.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

2. I am good at eye contact: both for people in the room and on-line.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

3. This sermon has a single memorable point.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

4. This sermon has a clear application.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

5. This sermon asks people to take a next transformative step with Jesus.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

6. Which of these potentially annoying habits (if any) stand out?

- Overuse of Self-deprecating humor
- Awkward humor/bad timing
- Illustrations with narrow appeal e.g. Sports analogies, dated language
- Forced verbal response, “can I get an amen” or similar
- Other

7. **Is my language accessible to an unchurched person? (avoids theological terms like regeneration, justification as well as acronyms or other insider language)**

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

THE BIG THREE

8. **Am I talking too fast? If you're not sure, ask someone over 60.**

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

9. **Am I talking too long? (Is this sermon over 30-35 minutes?)**

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

10. **Am I making too many points? (Can you summarize this message in one sentence?)**

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Awareness is a great start. Action, consistently applied, brings change. Choose one aspect of preaching to work on and ask trusted people to give you feedback. We hope to see you soon in a Preaching Collaborative Peer-to-Peer Learning Cohort. Together, we are becoming *more effective evangelistic preachers to transform communities.*

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