

SELF-EVALUATION FORM — EVANGELISTIC PREACHING ESSENTIALS

Feedback is power! It is the “secret sauce” that will quickly propel you to becoming a more effective evangelistic preacher. You have learned some of the essential elements of evangelistic preaching. How will you know if you are hitting those targets? It is by practice and feedback. Feedback’s power lies in its ability to reveal gaps between your current ability and desired outcomes. By identifying specific, actionable points, you can realistically expect to improve rather than simply trying harder.

Sermon Title & Passage: _____

This self-evaluation helps you reflect on your capstone sermon before receiving feedback from others. Watch your recorded sermon as you respond thoughtfully, specifically, and graciously toward yourself.

1. INTRODUCTION: GAINING & HOLDING ATTENTION

- What felt strong or engaging about your introduction?
- What might make your introduction even more effective next time?

2. SCRIPTURE EMPOWERED

- What felt faithful, clear, or surprising as you prepared to preach from this passage?
- Watching back, how well did you stay focused on the central claims you discovered during your study?

3. ILLUSTRATIONS: ENGAGING & SUSTAINING ATTENTION

- What felt strong or effective about your illustration(s)?
- How might the illustration(s) be improved, simplified, or more closely tied to the bottom line?

4. CLARITY & FOCUS

- What was your sermon's main point (bottom line)?
- How clearly do you feel this bottom line appeared throughout the sermon?
- Where could your message have been even more focused, simple, or memorable?
- What, if anything, did not connect to the main idea and should be edited out?

5. TIMELESS TRUTH IN A CHANGING CULTURE

- Listening back, how well did your tone balance grace and truth?
- Are you as authentic and relatable on the outside as you feel on the inside?
- Will unbelievers, new believers, and long-time disciples understand why this sermon is important?
- Make a note or two about how well this sermon pointed to Jesus. Are there ways in which he could be more central?

6. ACTIVE APPLICATION / CALL TO ACTION

- Watching back, does your call to action seem like part of the sermon or a brief add-on?
Was there time to respond?

- How could your “ask” be even clearer, more specific, or more invitational next time?

7. GROWTH GOAL

- After watching this sermon, what is one thing you will focus on the next time you write a sermon/preach?

8. CELEBRATE

- What surprised or delighted you about yourself, or your sermon, while you watched it back?