Tips On How To Improve Your Teaching Skills

For the Next Generation

Every persuasive talk requires at least one of three elements: Logos, Ethos, Pathos.

Logos: The right content Ethos: The right speaker Pathos: The right presentation



The goal of preaching is to be at the center of the concentric circles.

Logos:

Content start from biblical characters, not commands.

Preaching from your church's vision - how does this message connect to your church?

Tips on getting past the blank screen:

Memorize Culture Pictures (what does it look like?)
Historical Discussion Concepts Actions (what are they doing?)

Key Words (word history) Story Pattern Connections

Location Time

Ethos:

Am I the right person to preach this sermon?

Demonstrating qualifications: Personality, Christian life, etc.

Tip: Ask yourself these questions

How do I want my congregant to explain this to me?

How do I mold this sermon so that I become the right person to preach this sermon? Of all the people in the world, why did God choose me to preach this sermon?

Pathos:

Find a sermon structure that is the most natural rhythm

Example: Me → We → God → You → Us

Avoiding monotonous preaching:

Reading Scripture Insight Action
Story Observation Rant
Question Statistics Invitation
Picture Declaration

Tips of Engagement

- Start sermons by creating tension (challenging ideas, creating doubt, asking questions, etc.)
- Check your speed. Most preachers are slower than they realize.
- · Slow down in transitions.
- · Help congregation engage with Scripture
- Avoid "The Bible says it; that settles it"

- Have ONE main text
- Build up to presenting the main Text
- Comment within long section if you're reading long passages, give the audience a chance to take a breather.
- Highlight or explain odd words or phrases. Emphasize words that are important.
- Voice your frustration or skepticism about the text.
- Build anticipation for the main point.
- Deliberately read the text wrong to bring emphasis.
- If everyone uses a different bible translation, have verse on the screen.
- Summarize the text with a well-crafted statement.
- Use visuals every chance you get.
- Resist the urge to share everything.
- Take the most direct route to your singular point
- As much as possible, make a point through questions
- Every good sermon highlights the character of God and the nature of humanity.
- Focus more on the why than the what.
- · Research more than you present.
- Recognize distractions.
- Engage as many senses as possible.
- Remember that the way you use the Text subconsciously teaches congregation about the nature of the Bible (always keep in context).