VPS214 Preaching the Biblical Text
Weekly Critical Listening

Student Name: ________________________________

Preacher: __________________________________

Venue: _____________________________________  Date (of sermon): _________

URL or Location Information: How can I find this sermon? ____________________________

Delivery:

Describe this preacher’s style (short paragraph or two)?

Was the main point clear? What was it?

Was there a discernable high point or climax? What was it and when did it occur?

How did the preacher introduce his sermon? Describe his starting place.
How did the preacher finish his sermon? Describe the end.

Did the preacher seem to pad the message with banter or banalities or get off subject? Give examples.

**Content:**

Scripture Passage—main

Scripture Passages—secondary.

How did the preacher establish his point? Reasonable argument? Authority? Emotional appeals?

How was the material organized? As a narrative? Question and Answer? Exegetically—verse by verse?

Did the preacher play any expert cards? Counseling or theological training? Biblical languages? History? Age & experience? Other credentials? Or was the preacher just ‘one of us.’ speaking for u.
Did the preacher make any inappropriate rhetorical moves? Self-defeating, out-of-place, offensive upon reflection. What were they?

**Congregation:**

To whom do you think the preacher was preaching?

How well did it work as you heard it—you being the secondary ‘congregation.

**Parting shots:**

Did anything else in the content or delivery annoy you or detract from the point?

Was anything about the delivery particularly effect?
State one idea about this preacher’s sermon that you will ‘steal.’

Content?:

Delivery?: