

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.

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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.

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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?

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State one idea about this preacher's sermon that you will 'steal.'

Content?:

Delivery?: