

Sermon Outline Definitions

Introduction

- what I'm going to talk about and why it's important for you to listen
- if you use a story as an illustration it must illustrate the main principle of your sermon
- necessary historical background

Proposition

- one main truth the passage is talking about
- does not reveal the plan of the sermon – timeless truth as a crisp simple sentence

Interrogative Sentence

- it asks a question of the proposition leading to the main points

Transitional Sentence

- the transitional sentence always contains a “key word” which classifies or delineates the character of the main headings of the outline
- indicates how the sermon will develop the proposition
- test: can the same key word be applied to each of the main divisions

Main Divisions

- what distinct main truths are given that this sermon is answering
- the answers from this passage to the interrogative question
- these should be worded in parallel form