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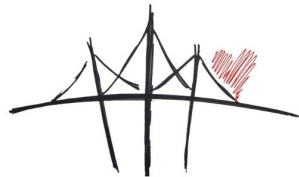
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*This book is dedicated to the Lord, all the ministry leaders we have served with through many years of ministry, all the church leaders who work tirelessly to serve their flocks, our family, our ministry supporters, and our sons.*

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do,  
and he will establish your plans."

PROVERBS 16:3

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# INTRODUCTION

Through this book, you will find spiritual refreshment through guided Spiritual Retreats, along with sermon planning worksheets that will help you prayerfully walk through the planning of your sermons for the whole year. Included are annual planning tools that will guide you through preparing for sermon costs, planning quarterly Spiritual Retreats, and an Annual Sermon Plan chart. Also included are Quarterly Spiritual Retreats with guided questions, Quarterly Sermon Brainstorming Worksheets, and weekly Sermon Planning Worksheets with all of the dates already entered for you.

This comprehensive tool will keep you organized and on track to make the most significant Kingdom impact through your ministry. The book is divided into five parts to help keep you organized. The first part, "How to and Annual Planning," is the best place to start so that you can get an overview of how to use the book and complete the beginning annual sections. We recommend that you start using this book as close to the beginning of the new year as possible, but if you start later in the year, you will still find that it increases your ministry's effectiveness.

After completing the "How to and Annual Planning" section, we recommend that you fill out each Quarterly section and the corresponding weekly "Sermon Planning Worksheet" for the upcoming week. Each "Sermon Planning Worksheet" is dated for your convenience. Don't forget to go back and fill in the "Annual Sermons Summary" every time you create a new sermon, and this too conveniently has the dates filled in for you.

This book was intended for you to write in, so grab your pencil, pens, markers, and highlighters and write away! May the Lord guide you as you plan for His ministry.

# PREFACE

With an ever-increasing rate of burnout amongst church leaders, it is vital to help support their efforts through resources that decrease pressure while increasing impact in their ministries. The “Comprehensive Annual Sermons Planner 2023” was created with this aim. Planning and God-led sermons can go hand-in-hand, and through this book, you will be able to accomplish both of these worthy goals.



# COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL SERMON PLANNER 2023

# HOW TO AND ANNUAL PLANNING



# HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

We pray that the “Comprehensive Annual Sermon Planner 2023” will bring glory to God and help you as you lead your flock. This book is intended to be written in directly.

We suggest that you start by completing the “Annual Budget for Sermon Costs Questionnaire” and then the “Annual Sermon Cost Budget.” These sections will ensure that you have allowed for any costs that may not have been previously thought about and that if you need approval for these costs, they will be accounted for.

Next, completing the “Quarterly Spiritual Retreats Overall Plan” will allow the spiritual focus on sermon planning to be given precedence and ensure that Spiritual Retreats are added to your calendar from the beginning of the year.

Completing each Quarter’s “Spiritual Retreat Notes” and the subsequent Quarter’s “Sermon Brainstorming Worksheets” maintains the focus on sermons being God-led and will create the overall plans for the upcoming quarter’s sermons.

Each “Sermon Planner Worksheet” completion will walk you through the detailed creation of sermons that will lead to application and action on the part of your congregants. After you complete each Sermon Planner Worksheet, return to the “Annual Sermon Summary”, and fill in the Sermon Title and Verses section for the date of your sermon. Completing the “Annual Sermon Summary” will allow you to see your sermons at a glance, advertise, and report on your sermons to your elders/supervisors.

# HOW TO USE THE SERMON PLANNING WORKSHEETS

Completing the “Choosing” section: when you prepare your sermon, we recommend you start by taking time to pray and ask the Lord what He would have you teach. If you do not feel the Lord’s guidance for that particular sermon, we suggest you go back through your notes from your most recent Sermon Brainstorming Worksheet or recent Spiritual Retreat. Look through those notes and carry over anything that might apply to the current sermon.

Next, decide on the main verses or topics you want to teach. If you are teaching through a book of the Bible, make sure that the context is clear for the verses you have chosen. You may need to expand the verses to make the context clear.

Summarizing the verses in your own words will help you find the essence of the meaning that you will teach.

Go through and answer all of the “Studying Questions” section. The answers to these questions will become your main points and the body of your sermon.

Then continue to fill in the “Main Objective” section. We recommend choosing no more than three main points for your sermon.

Then continue to the “Making It Interesting” section and find a sermon illustration demonstrating the main points. Illustrations are often in the form of a video or music clip, picture, or skit. Anecdotes are brief stories and are especially useful for making points more straightforward if they are personal. An illustration or an anecdote is often an excellent way to catch your listeners’ attention at the beginning of the sermon and then add another along with the main points. We recommend that you consider leading the way on application points by sharing how you have or are going to apply, obey, or change something you are doing/have done based on what you’ve learned.

Finally, create a brief synopsis of your sermon using what stands out for each section of the Sermon Planning Worksheet in the order that you will teach it. Be sure to include an application point. Then from the synopsis, you should come up with a Sermon Title, which you should add to the top of the worksheet. We suggest you consider writing out your whole sermon and going back through each section to fill out your sermon.

# ANNUAL SERMON SUMMARY

*“May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.”-Psalm 20:4*

Directions: As you complete each week’s “Sermon Planner Worksheet,” fill in the name of the sermon and the main verses in the tables. The following tables are based on each quarter of sermons. These Sermon Tables should help you stay organized, see the upcoming sermons at a glance, and provide an excellent record for years to come.

## Quarter #1 Sermons

Date	Sermon Title	Scripture
Jan. 1, 2023		
Jan. 8, 2023		
Jan. 15, 2023		
Jan. 22, 2023		
Jan. 29, 2023		
Feb. 5, 2023		
Feb. 12, 2023		
Feb. 19, 2023		
Feb. 26, 2023		
Mar. 5, 2023		
Mar. 12, 2023		
Mar. 19, 2023		
Mar. 26, 2023		

## Quarter #2 Sermons

Date	Sermon Title	Scripture
April 2, 2023		
April 9, 2023		
April 16, 2023		
April 23, 2023		
April 30, 2023		
May 7, 2023		
May 14, 2023		
May 21, 2023		
May 28, 2023		
June 4, 2023		
June 11, 2023		
June 18, 2023		
June 25, 2023		

### Quarter #3 Sermons

Date	Sermon Title	Scripture
July 2, 2023		
July 9, 2023		
July 16, 2023		
July 23, 2023		
July 30, 2023		
Aug. 6, 2023		
Aug.13, 2023		
Aug. 20, 2023		
Aug. 27, 2023		
Sept. 3, 2023		
Sept. 10, 2023		
Sept. 17, 2023		
Sept. 24, 2023		



## Quarter #4 Sermons

Date	Sermon Title	Scripture
Oct. 1, 2023		
Oct. 8, 2023		
Oct.15, 2023		
Oct. 22, 2023		
Oct. 29, 2023		
Nov. 5, 2023		
Nov. 12, 2023		
Nov. 19, 2023		
Nov. 26, 2023		
Dec. 3, 2023		
Dec.10, 2023		
Dec. 17, 2023		
Dec. 24, 2023		
Dec. 31, 2023		



4. Do I need to purchase or subscribe to any biblical or research software? If yes, what? Cost?

5. What do I need for my quarterly spiritual retreats? Cost?

# ANNUAL SERMON COST BUDGET

Description	Cost
Training	
Books	
Subscriptions	
Software	
Spiritual Retreats	
Miscellaneous	
<b><i>Total Cost</i></b>	

# QUARTERLY SPIRITUAL RETREATS OVERALL PLAN

*“Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, ‘Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.’ So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.”*

*-Mark 6:31-33*

It is of utmost importance that a Spiritual Retreat for spiritual refreshment, intimacy with the Lord, and planning the next quarter’s overall sermons are completed. We like to call this time *Jesus Time*.

Directions: Schedule out when your Quarterly Spiritual Retreats will be, where, what's needed for the spiritual aspect and physical needs of the retreat, whom you need to inform or get permission from, and put in any anticipated costs. We recommend that a Spiritual Retreat lasts for a minimum of half a day.

Quarter #1 Spiritual Retreat Date(s):

Length of the Retreat:

Where will it be?:

What's needed to help with spiritual refreshment? Rest? Intimacy with the Lord? Overall Planning?

Who do I need to inform/get permission from?

Cost?

Quarter #2 Spiritual Retreat Date(s):

Length of the Retreat:

Where will it be?:

What's needed to help with spiritual refreshment? Rest? Intimacy with the Lord? Overall Planning?

Who do I need to inform/get permission from?

Cost?

Quarter #3 Spiritual Retreat Date(s):

Length of the Retreat:

Where will it be?:

What's needed to help with spiritual refreshment? Rest? Intimacy with the Lord? Overall Planning?

Who do I need to inform/get permission from?

Cost?

Quarter #4 Spiritual Retreat Date(s):

Length of the Retreat:

Where will it be?:

What's needed to help with spiritual refreshment? Rest? Intimacy with the Lord? Overall Planning?

Who do I need to inform/get permission from?

Cost?

# QUARTER #1-PLANNING

Spiritual Retreat And Sermons





# QUARTER #1 SPIRITUAL RETREAT NOTES

## **Worship**

Spend some time in worship, praising God for who He is and what He has done.  
What were the overall things you praised the Lord about?

Anything new the Lord taught you?



## **Prayer**

Spend some time in prayer (Consider using the acronym P.A.I.N.T.S. to help guide your prayer time). What did God lead you to pray about?

What did God impress upon your heart?

Spend some time processing with God.

Is there anything that has been bothering you that you need to talk over with the Lord?

Are there any changes, good or bad, you need to process with God?

Spend some time listening to God. Ask God any questions you have and listen to the answers. Listen quietly and just let the Lord speak through Scripture and in your heart. What did you hear God say?

Did anything surprise you?

Anything you want to share with others? If yes, what and with whom?

**Rest**

Spend some time just resting quietly with the Lord. How did you feel?

Did the Lord speak to you in your rest?

**Planning**

Spend some time praying and planning overall the sermons for the upcoming quarter.  
What do you feel God wants you to teach?

What verses come to mind?

What topics?

Reflect on the Spiritual Retreat. Is there anything that you need to share with your team or congregation?

# QUARTER #1 SERMON BRAINSTORMING WORKSHEET

*This worksheet will help you plan your sermons for the upcoming quarter prayerfully. It also allows you to reflect on the preparation from your Spiritual Retreat.*

What verses did God impress on you during your Spiritual Retreat?

What topic(s) did you feel God impressed on you during your Spiritual Retreat?

Are there any particular issues you feel need to be addressed through sermons?

Is there something you would like to create a sermon about from your quiet times?

Are there some verses or theology you would like to study further that you could share with your congregation?

Are there any books of the Bible that you would like to cover?

Are there any holidays coming up that you want to do a themed sermon about?

Is there any subject that congregants have been asking about that you could create a sermon about?

What does your congregation need to be equipped with?

Are there any special speakers you should ask to speak on a particular topic?

Are there any particular concerns you have for the spiritual growth of your congregants that you could teach?

Notes:

# SERMON PLANNING WORKSHEETS

## QUARTER #1



## Sermon Planning Worksheet for January 1, 2023

### Sermon Title:

### Choosing

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### Studying Questions

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

Is there anything that I need to research more?

Do these verses have a larger tie to a theological idea?

What do we learn about God in these verses? People?

What do we learn about loving God? People?

What should we obey or apply to our lives?

Is there something I/we should change because of what we've learned?

When should we take action on what we've learned?

Is there a way for the whole congregation to take action together?

What are some examples of accountability for this?

Who do I need to ask to keep me accountable?

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**Main Objective**

What is the primary takeaway from this sermon that I want people to understand (objective)?

How do I make sure my main takeaway is understandable and applicable?

Main Points:

**Making it Interesting**

What could I use that would help illustrate the main points?

Is there any anecdote to help personalize or create an application for the main points?

**Synopsis of the sermon**

## Sermon Planning Worksheet for January 8, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

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## Sermon Planning Worksheet for January 15, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

Is there anything that I need to research more?

Do these verses have a larger tie to a theological idea?

What do we learn about God in these verses? People?

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**Synopsis of the sermon**

## Sermon Planning Worksheet for January 22, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

Is there anything that I need to research more?

Do these verses have a larger tie to a theological idea?

What do we learn about God in these verses? People?

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**Synopsis of the sermon**

## Sermon Planning Worksheet for January 29, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

Is there anything that I need to research more?

Do these verses have a larger tie to a theological idea?

What do we learn about God in these verses? People?

What do we learn about loving God? People?

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**Synopsis of the sermon**

## Sermon Planning Worksheet for February 5, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

Is there anything that I need to research more?



Do these verses have a larger tie to a theological idea?

What do we learn about God in these verses? People?

What do we learn about loving God? People?

What should we obey or apply to our lives?

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When should we take action on what we've learned?

Is there a way for the whole congregation to take action together?

What are some examples of accountability for this?

Who do I need to ask to keep me accountable?

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**Main Objective**

What is the primary takeaway from this sermon that I want people to understand (objective)?

How do I make sure my main takeaway is understandable and applicable?

Main Points:

**Making it Interesting**

What could I use that would help illustrate the main points?

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**Synopsis of the sermon**

## Sermon Planning Worksheet for February 12, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

Is there anything that I need to research more?

Do these verses have a larger tie to a theological idea?

What do we learn about God in these verses? People?

What do we learn about loving God? People?

What should we obey or apply to our lives?

Is there something I/we should change because of what we've learned?

When should we take action on what we've learned?

Is there a way for the whole congregation to take action together?

What are some examples of accountability for this?

Who do I need to ask to keep me accountable?

Who should we share what we've learned with?

**Main Objective**

What is the primary takeaway from this sermon that I want people to understand (objective)?

How do I make sure my main takeaway is understandable and applicable?

Main Points:

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What could I use that would help illustrate the main points?

Is there any anecdote to help personalize or create an application for the main points?

**Synopsis of the sermon**

## Sermon Planning Worksheet for February 19, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

Is there anything that I need to research more?

Do these verses have a larger tie to a theological idea?

What do we learn about God in these verses? People?

What do we learn about loving God? People?

What should we obey or apply to our lives?

Is there something I/we should change because of what we've learned?

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**Synopsis of the sermon**



## Sermon Planning Worksheet for February 26, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

Is there anything that I need to research more?

Do these verses have a larger tie to a theological idea?

What do we learn about God in these verses? People?

What do we learn about loving God? People?

What should we obey or apply to our lives?

Is there something I/we should change because of what we've learned?

When should we take action on what we've learned?

Is there a way for the whole congregation to take action together?

What are some examples of accountability for this?

Who do I need to ask to keep me accountable?

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What is the primary takeaway from this sermon that I want people to understand (objective)?

How do I make sure my main takeaway is understandable and applicable?

Main Points:

**Making it Interesting**

What could I use that would help illustrate the main points?

Is there any anecdote to help personalize or create an application for the main points?

**Synopsis of the sermon**

## Sermon Planning Worksheet for March 5, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

Is there anything that I need to research more?

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What do we learn about God in these verses? People?

What do we learn about loving God? People?

What should we obey or apply to our lives?

Is there something I/we should change because of what we've learned?

When should we take action on what we've learned?

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How do I make sure my main takeaway is understandable and applicable?

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What could I use that would help illustrate the main points?

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**Synopsis of the sermon**

## Sermon Planning Worksheet for March 12, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

Is there anything that I need to research more?

Do these verses have a larger tie to a theological idea?

What do we learn about God in these verses? People?

What do we learn about loving God? People?

What should we obey or apply to our lives?

Is there something I/we should change because of what we've learned?

When should we take action on what we've learned?

Is there a way for the whole congregation to take action together?

What are some examples of accountability for this?

Who do I need to ask to keep me accountable?

Who should we share what we've learned with?



**Main Objective**

What is the primary takeaway from this sermon that I want people to understand (objective)?

How do I make sure my main takeaway is understandable and applicable?

Main Points:

**Making it Interesting**

What could I use that would help illustrate the main points?

Is there any anecdote to help personalize or create an application for the main points?

**Synopsis of the sermon**

## Sermon Planning Worksheet for March 19, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

Is there anything that I need to research more?

Do these verses have a larger tie to a theological idea?

What do we learn about God in these verses? People?

What do we learn about loving God? People?

What should we obey or apply to our lives?

Is there something I/we should change because of what we've learned?

When should we take action on what we've learned?

Is there a way for the whole congregation to take action together?

What are some examples of accountability for this?

Who do I need to ask to keep me accountable?

Who should we share what we've learned with?

**Main Objective**

What is the primary takeaway from this sermon that I want people to understand (objective)?

How do I make sure my main takeaway is understandable and applicable?

Main Points:

**Making it Interesting**

What could I use that would help illustrate the main points?

Is there any anecdote to help personalize or create an application for the main points?

**Synopsis of the sermon**

## Sermon Planning Worksheet for March 26, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

Is there anything that I need to research more?

Do these verses have a larger tie to a theological idea?

What do we learn about God in these verses? People?

What do we learn about loving God? People?

What should we obey or apply to our lives?

Is there something I/we should change because of what we've learned?

When should we take action on what we've learned?

Is there a way for the whole congregation to take action together?

What are some examples of accountability for this?

Who do I need to ask to keep me accountable?

Who should we share what we've learned with?

**Main Objective**

What is the primary takeaway from this sermon that I want people to understand (objective)?

How do I make sure my main takeaway is understandable and applicable?

Main Points:

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What could I use that would help illustrate the main points?

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**Synopsis of the sermon**

# QUARTER #2-PLANNING

Spiritual Retreat and Sermons





# QUARTER #2 SPIRITUAL RETREAT NOTES

## **Worship**

Spend some time in worship, praising God for who He is and what He has done.  
What were the overall things you praised the Lord about?

Anything new the Lord taught you?



## **Prayer**

Spend some time in prayer (Consider using the acronym P.A.I.N.T.S. to help guide your prayer time). What did God lead you to pray about?

What did God impress upon your heart?

Spend some time processing with God.

Is there anything that has been bothering you that you need to talk over with the Lord?

Are there any changes, good or bad, you need to process with God?

Spend some time listening to God. Ask God any questions you have and listen to the answers. Listen quietly and just let the Lord speak through Scripture and in your heart. What did you hear God say?

Did anything surprise you?

Anything you want to share with others? If yes, what and with who?

**Rest**

Spend some time just resting quietly with the Lord. How did you feel?

Did the Lord speak to you in your rest?

**Planning**

Spend some time praying and planning overall the sermons for the upcoming quarter.  
What do you feel God wants you to teach?

What verses come to mind?

What topics?

Reflect on the Spiritual Retreat. Is there anything that you need to share with your team or congregation?

# QUARTER #2 SERMON BRAINSTORMING WORKSHEET

*This worksheet will help you plan your sermons for the upcoming quarter prayerfully. It also allows you to reflect on the preparation from your Spiritual Retreat.*

What verses did God impress on you during your Spiritual Retreat?

What topic(s) did you feel God impressed on you during your Spiritual Retreat?

Are there any particular issues you feel need to be addressed through sermons?

Is there something you would like to create a sermon about from your quiet times?

Are there some verses or theology you would like to study further that you could share with your congregation?

Are there any books of the Bible that you would like to cover?

Are there any holidays coming up that you want to do a themed sermon about?

Is there any subject that congregants have been asking about that you could create a sermon about?

What does your congregation need to be equipped in?

Are there any special speakers you should ask to speak on a particular topic?

Are there any particular concerns you have for the spiritual growth of your congregants that you could teach?

Notes:

# SERMON PLANNING WORKSHEETS

## QUARTER #2



## Sermon Planning Worksheet for April 2, 2023

### Sermon Title:

### Choosing

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### Studying Questions

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

Is there anything that I need to research more?

Do these verses have a larger tie to a theological idea?

What do we learn about God in these verses? People?

What do we learn about loving God? People?

What should we obey or apply to our lives?

Is there something I/we should change because of what we've learned?

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**Synopsis of the sermon**

## Sermon Planning Worksheet for April 9, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

Is there anything that I need to research more?

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**Synopsis of the sermon**

## Sermon Planning Worksheet for April 16, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

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Is there anything that I need to research more?

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**Synopsis of the sermon**

## Sermon Planning Worksheet for April 23, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

Is there anything that I need to research more?

Do these verses have a larger tie to a theological idea?

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**Synopsis of the sermon**

## Sermon Planning Worksheet for April 30, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

Is there anything that I need to research more?

Do these verses have a larger tie to a theological idea?

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**Synopsis of the sermon**

## Sermon Planning Worksheet for May 7, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

Is there anything that I need to research more?



Do these verses have a larger tie to a theological idea?

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What should we obey or apply to our lives?

Is there something I/we should change because of what we've learned?

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**Synopsis of the sermon**

## Sermon Planning Worksheet for May 14, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

Is there anything that I need to research more?

Do these verses have a larger tie to a theological idea?

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What should we obey or apply to our lives?

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When should we take action on what we've learned?

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**Synopsis of the sermon**

## Sermon Planning Worksheet for May 21, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

Is there anything that I need to research more?

Do these verses have a larger tie to a theological idea?

What do we learn about God in these verses? People?

What do we learn about loving God? People?

What should we obey or apply to our lives?

Is there something I/we should change because of what we've learned?

When should we take action on what we've learned?

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**Synopsis of the sermon**



## Sermon Planning Worksheet for May 28, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

Is there anything that I need to research more?

Do these verses have a larger tie to a theological idea?

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What do we learn about loving God? People?

What should we obey or apply to our lives?

Is there something I/we should change because of what we've learned?

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Who do I need to ask to keep me accountable?

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Is there any anecdote to help personalize or create an application for the main points?

**Synopsis of the sermon**

## Sermon Planning Worksheet for June 4, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

Is there anything that I need to research more?

Do these verses have a larger tie to a theological idea?

What do we learn about God in these verses? People?

What do we learn about loving God? People?

What should we obey or apply to our lives?

Is there something I/we should change because of what we've learned?

When should we take action on what we've learned?

Is there a way for the whole congregation to take action together?

What are some examples of accountability for this?

Who do I need to ask to keep me accountable?

Who should we share what we've learned with?

**Main Objective**

What is the primary takeaway from this sermon that I want people to understand (objective)?

How do I make sure my main takeaway is understandable and applicable?

Main Points:

**Making it Interesting**

What could I use that would help illustrate the main points?

Is there any anecdote to help personalize or create an application for the main points?

**Synopsis of the sermon**

## Sermon Planning Worksheet for June 11, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

Is there anything that I need to research more?

Do these verses have a larger tie to a theological idea?

What do we learn about God in these verses? People?

What do we learn about loving God? People?

What should we obey or apply to our lives?

Is there something I/we should change because of what we've learned?

When should we take action on what we've learned?

Is there a way for the whole congregation to take action together?

What are some examples of accountability for this?

Who do I need to ask to keep me accountable?

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What is the primary takeaway from this sermon that I want people to understand (objective)?

How do I make sure my main takeaway is understandable and applicable?

Main Points:

**Making it Interesting**

What could I use that would help illustrate the main points?

Is there any anecdote to help personalize or create an application for the main points?

**Synopsis of the sermon**

## Sermon Planning Worksheet for June 18, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

Is there anything that I need to research more?

Do these verses have a larger tie to a theological idea?

What do we learn about God in these verses? People?

What do we learn about loving God? People?

What should we obey or apply to our lives?

Is there something I/we should change because of what we've learned?

When should we take action on what we've learned?

Is there a way for the whole congregation to take action together?

What are some examples of accountability for this?

Who do I need to ask to keep me accountable?

Who should we share what we've learned with?

**Main Objective**

What is the primary takeaway from this sermon that I want people to understand (objective)?

How do I make sure my main takeaway is understandable and applicable?

Main Points:

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What could I use that would help illustrate the main points?

Is there any anecdote to help personalize or create an application for the main points?

**Synopsis of the sermon**

## Sermon Planning Worksheet for June 25, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

Is there anything that I need to research more?

Do these verses have a larger tie to a theological idea?

What do we learn about God in these verses? People?

What do we learn about loving God? People?

What should we obey or apply to our lives?

Is there something I/we should change because of what we've learned?

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Is there a way for the whole congregation to take action together?

What are some examples of accountability for this?

Who do I need to ask to keep me accountable?

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**Main Objective**

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How do I make sure my main takeaway is understandable and applicable?

Main Points:

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What could I use that would help illustrate the main points?

Is there any anecdote to help personalize or create an application for the main points?

**Synopsis of the sermon**

# QUARTER #3-PLANNING

Spiritual Retreat and Sermons





# QUARTER #3 SPIRITUAL RETREAT NOTES

## **Worship**

Spend some time in worship, praising God for who He is and what He has done.  
What were the overall things you praised the Lord about?

Anything new the Lord taught you?



## **Prayer**

Spend some time in prayer (Consider using the acronym P.A.I.N.T.S. to help guide your prayer time). What did God lead you to pray about?

What did God impress upon your heart?

Spend some time processing with God.

Is there anything that has been bothering you that you need to talk over with the Lord?

Are there any changes, good or bad, you need to process with God?

Spend some time listening to God. Ask God any questions you have and listen to the answers. Listen quietly and just let the Lord speak through Scripture and in your heart. What did you hear God say?

Did anything surprise you?

Anything you want to share with others? If yes, what and with who?

**Rest**

Spend some time just resting quietly with the Lord. How did you feel?

Did the Lord speak to you in your rest?

**Planning**

Spend some time praying and planning overall the sermons for the upcoming quarter.  
What do you feel God wants you to teach?

What verses come to mind?

What topics?

Reflect on the Spiritual Retreat. Is there anything that you need to share with your team or congregation?

# QUARTER #3 SERMON BRAINSTORMING WORKSHEET

*This worksheet will help you plan your sermons for the upcoming quarter prayerfully. It also allows you to reflect on the preparation from your Spiritual Retreat.*

What verses did God impress on you during your Spiritual Retreat?

What topic(s) did you feel God impressed on you during your Spiritual Retreat?

Are there any particular issues you feel need to be addressed through sermons?

Is there something you would like to create a sermon about from your quiet times?

Are there some verses or theology you would like to study further that you could share with your congregation?

Are there any books of the Bible that you would like to cover?

Are there any holidays coming up that you want to do a themed sermon about?

Is there any subject that congregants have been asking about that you could create a sermon about?

What does your congregation need to be equipped in?

Are there any special speakers you should ask to speak on a particular topic?

Are there any particular concerns you have for the spiritual growth of your congregants that you could teach?

Notes:

# SERMON PLANNING WORKSHEETS

## QUARTER #3



## Sermon Planning Worksheet for July 2, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

Is there anything that I need to research more?

Do these verses have a larger tie to a theological idea?

What do we learn about God in these verses? People?

What do we learn about loving God? People?

What should we obey or apply to our lives?

Is there something I/we should change because of what we've learned?

When should we take action on what we've learned?

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What are some examples of accountability for this?

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Is there any anecdote to help personalize or create an application for the main points?

**Synopsis of the sermon**

## Sermon Planning Worksheet for July 9, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

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**Synopsis of the sermon**

## Sermon Planning Worksheet for July 16, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

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## Sermon Planning Worksheet for July 23, 2023

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Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

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## Sermon Planning Worksheet for July 30, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

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What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

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### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

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## Sermon Planning Worksheet for August 13, 2023

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### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

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Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

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## Sermon Planning Worksheet for August 27, 2023

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### **Choosing**

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Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

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### **Choosing**

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Main Verse(s):

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### **Choosing**

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### **Choosing**

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## Sermon Planning Worksheet for September 24, 2023

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### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

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# QUARTER #4-PLANNING

Spiritual Retreat and Sermons





# QUARTER #4 SPIRITUAL RETREAT NOTES

## **Worship**

Spend some time in worship, praising God for who He is and what He has done.  
What were the overall things you praised the Lord about?

Anything new the Lord taught you?



## **Prayer**

Spend some time in prayer (Consider using the acronym P.A.I.N.T.S. to help guide your prayer time). What did God lead you to pray about?

What did God impress upon your heart?

Spend some time processing with God.

Is there anything that has been bothering you that you need to talk over with the Lord?

Are there any changes, good or bad, you need to process with God?

Spend some time listening to God. Ask God any questions you have and listen to the answers. Listen quietly and just let the Lord speak through Scripture and in your heart. What did you hear God say?

Did anything surprise you?

Anything you want to share with others? If yes, what and with who?

**Rest**

Spend some time just resting quietly with the Lord. How did you feel?

Did the Lord speak to you in your rest?

**Planning**

Spend some time praying and planning overall the sermons for the upcoming quarter.  
What do you feel God wants you to teach?

What verses come to mind?

What topics?

Reflect on the Spiritual Retreat. Is there anything that you need to share with your team or congregation?

# QUARTER #4 SERMON BRAINSTORMING WORKSHEET

*This worksheet will help you plan your sermons for the upcoming quarter prayerfully. It also allows you to reflect on the preparation from your Spiritual Retreat.*

What verses did God impress on you during your Spiritual Retreat?

What topic(s) did you feel God impressed on you during your Spiritual Retreat?

Are there any particular issues you feel need to be addressed through sermons?

Is there something you would like to create a sermon about from your quiet times?

Are there some verses or theology you would like to study further that you could share with your congregation?

Are there any books of the Bible that you would like to cover?

Are there any holidays coming up that you want to do a themed sermon about?

Is there any subject that congregants have been asking about that you could create a sermon about?

What does your congregation need to be equipped in?

Are there any special speakers you should ask to speak on a particular topic?

Are there any particular concerns you have for the spiritual growth of your congregants that you could teach?

Notes:

# SERMON PLANNING WORKSHEETS

## QUARTER #4



## Sermon Planning Worksheet for October 1, 2023

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### **Choosing**

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## Sermon Planning Worksheet for October 8, 2023

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### **Choosing**

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## Sermon Planning Worksheet for October 29, 2023

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### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

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## Sermon Planning Worksheet for November 5, 2023

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### **Choosing**

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Summary of the verse in my own words:

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## Sermon Planning Worksheet for November 12, 2023

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### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

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## Sermon Planning Worksheet for November 19, 2023

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### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

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## Sermon Planning Worksheet for November 26, 2023

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Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

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Summary of the verse in my own words:

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## Sermon Planning Worksheet for December 3, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

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**Synopsis of the sermon**

## Sermon Planning Worksheet for December 10, 2023

**Sermon Title:**

### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

What verses deal with this topic?

What is the context of these verses?

What is happening historically, that could have implications on interpretation?

Is there anything I don't understand in these verses?

Is there anything that I need to research more?

Do these verses have a larger tie to a theological idea?

What do we learn about God in these verses? People?

What do we learn about loving God? People?

What should we obey or apply to our lives?

Is there something I/we should change because of what we've learned?

When should we take action on what we've learned?

Is there a way for the whole congregation to take action together?

What are some examples of accountability for this?

Who do I need to ask to keep me accountable?

Who should we share what we've learned with?



**Main Objective**

What is the primary takeaway from this sermon that I want people to understand (objective)?

How do I make sure my main takeaway is understandable and applicable?

Main Points:

**Making it Interesting**

What could I use that would help illustrate the main points?

Is there any anecdote to help personalize or create an application for the main points?

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## Sermon Planning Worksheet for December 17, 2023

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Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

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Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

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## Sermon Planning Worksheet for December 24, 2023

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Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

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## Sermon Planning Worksheet for December 31, 2023

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### **Choosing**

Are there any verses or topics that came to mind during my spiritual retreat that I should teach?

Main Verse(s):

Summary of the verse in my own words:

Main Topic:

### **Studying Questions**

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# BOOKS BY THESE AUTHORS

## [Inseparable Faith: A Young Person's Guide to Growing In and Defending Their Faith](#)

This brightly illustrated basic discipleship and apologetic book for teens and young adults make the Christian faith easy to understand and defend. Too many young people are leaving Christianity in their 20's and 30's because they have not learned that Christianity is dependable. They have not truly made the faith their own because they have not fully understood it. This book will help young people to grow in their relationship with Jesus.

This book can be utilized by small groups, a mentor, a family, or alone. It is divided into two parts: The Basic Beliefs of Christianity and Defending the Faith. The reader is given a simple explanation of each essential belief/doctrine and the scriptural backing, in an easy-to-understand conversational tone, along with the questions to consider.