

## A Sermon Review Process

Welcome everyone—at the first meeting make sure everyone knows everyone else

Assure them that the process is meant as an aid in learning

Encourage people to be honest and kind

Take time to pray or observe silence before the preacher begins

You may ask the preacher to pick a primary reviewer from the group, someone who would make the first comments after the sermon is complete.

Ask them to read the passage on which they are preaching, or have someone else read it

Encourage the other students to think about the following four questions while listening to the sermon

1. How would you sum up the sermon in a single sentence?
2. What illustrations, phrases or metaphors stick with you from this sermon?
3. How did the sermon connect the Biblical message with our everyday lives? What's the take away?
4. Please comment on presentation—appropriate gestures, pauses, inflection, tempo. How did presentation enhance the message? What are the growth areas? Did the preacher “embody” the message?

Thank the preacher when they finish

Invite feedback from the group, encouraging them to share their general answers to the four questions above. Encourage the use of “I” statements.

Once feedback dies down ask the preacher if they have anything to say.