

The Outline

Sermon Outline = the skeletal structure. An outline is a guide to keep the speaker focused on the main idea.

The benefit of preaching from an outline:

1. Forces the speaker to not read his notes.
2. Gives room for the the Holy Spirit to interject.
3. Writing an outline forces the speaker to connect ideas to each other leading back to the thesis.

In this PDF you will find an example of a sermon written in outline form. Your outline should look exactly like it.

You will also find a blank outline illustrating how each point supports another point eventually leading to the thesis (The big idea). This keeps a sermon focused and deep rather than distracted and wide.

The idea is to listen to a sermon and identify the main ideas in each point. Do not write the entire sermon.

Outline

[Attention Getter]

[Thesis]

I. First Point / Introduction / Foundation

A. First Sub-point - supports "T"

1. Supports "A"
2. Supports "A"

B. Second Sub-point - supports "T"

1. Supports "B"
2. Supports "B"

II. Second Point

A. First Sub-point - supports "II"

1. Supports "A"
2. Supports "A"
 - a) Supports "2"
 - b) Supports "2"
 - (1) Supports "b"
 - (2) Supports "b"

B. Second Sub-point - supports "II"

1. Supports "B"
2. Supports "B"

C. Third Sub-point - Supports "II"

III. Conclusion

- A.
- B.
- C.