

PRAY

GOALS

Connect spirituality to sermon prep via Lectio Divina

Apply the “Heart of the Message” grid to find the one clear message of Good News for your sermon

Adapt the five-day process to your schedule

AGENDA

Introductions

How to “Craft an Effective Sermon by Friday”

Create a sustainable sermon prep practice

INTRODUCTIONS

Please tell me your name,
and two words to describe
how you feel about preaching.

PERSUADE

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Would you like to try that restaurant?

YOU JUST PREACHED A SERMON
ABOUT A
RESTAURANT.

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You talked about a restaurant you believe in, because you experienced it.

That's the Good News.

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You tried to persuade the listener to try it because you believe it's in their best interest. There's something "in it" for them if they do.

*That's the Hope you have
for your listeners.*

YOU JUST PREACHED A SERMON
ABOUT A RESTAURANT.

There are obstacles to overcome.

That's the
Human Condition.

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But if the desire overcomes the obstacles, it could be a life-changing event, at the very least because it brings joy.

That's the
Invitation to Transformation.

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You told a story.

LECTIO DIVINA FOR SERMON PREP

(Monday) Lectio:

Slow reading of the text

(Or: "Explore the restaurant"
to notice the details; what stands out?)

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(Tuesday & Wednesday)

Formative exegesis:

(Or, "study the restaurant."
What makes it in someone's best interest
to give this restaurant a try,
and what's going to get in their way?)

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(Thursday & Friday) Oratio:

Sort, organize, and draft your words

(Or: What story do you want to tell
about the restaurant
to make it sound irresistible?)

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(*Daily*) Contemplatio:

Rest in God's grace

(Or: Take a deep sigh after eating a great meal.)

LECTIO DIVINA FOR SERMON PREP

We're going to conduct an **abbreviated** version of the "classic" five-day process to *adapt* and *apply* to your own prep.

Today, the goal is to **experience** the process enough to apply it in the future, more than understanding the rationale behind each step.

Epiphany 5A: Matthew 5:13-20

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First Reading:

What word, phrase, or image particularly captures your attention?

Second Reading:

**What questions arise?
What do you want to know more about?
What doesn't make sense?
What glitches of logic are here?**

Third Reading:

**How does it make you feel?
Emotionally?
Physically?**

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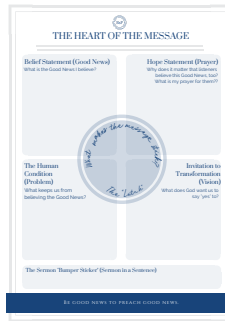
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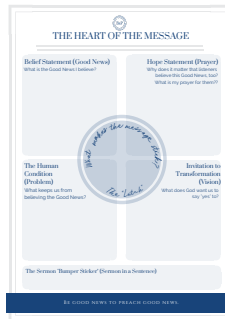
THE HEART OF THE MESSAGE

aka, "The Grid"



PURPOSE:

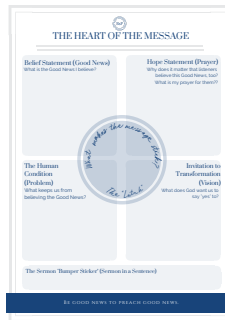
- 1) Discern your one clear message of Good News for this sermon.
- 2) Use as a jumping-off point for sermon draft, regardless of sermon form.
- 3) Use as your editor.



BELIEF STATEMENT:

= Why I believe this restaurant is great.

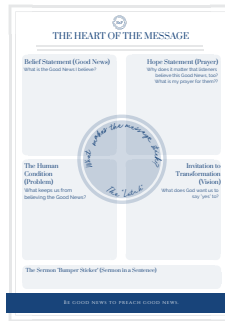
I believe the Good News is, God (is, or does) ____.



HOPE STATEMENT:

= Why I want *you* to know
this restaurant is great.

I hope you know
this Good News
because ____.

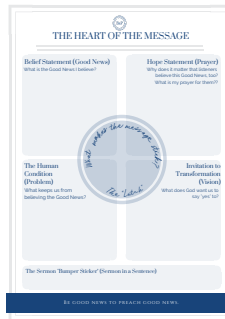


THE HUMAN CONDITION

= What barriers must be
overcome to get to the
restaurant?

What blocks us from
believing and living this
Good News?

Ask *why*.

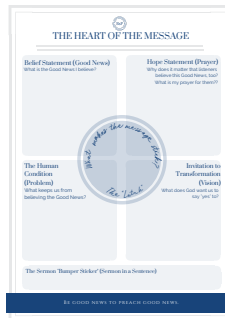


THE INVITATION TO TRANSFORMATION

= How will you be different after you
eat at the restaurant?

If we allowed grace to overwhelm the
human condition, what could God do?

*(What could happen in the first ten
minutes after you leave church?)*



THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE HOPE STATEMENT AND INVITATION TO TRANSFORMATION

Hope Statement =
What is enticing enough
to get you in the door of
the restaurant?

Invitation to
Transformation = As a
result of the experience,
what could happen
after you leave?

THE BUMPER STICKER

= The unwavering
compass direction that
directs someone to the
restaurant.

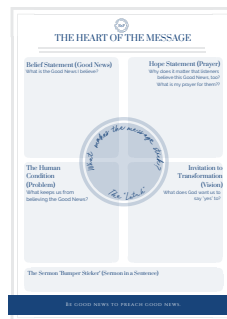
In one, complete sentence,
what are you trying to say?



THE LATCH

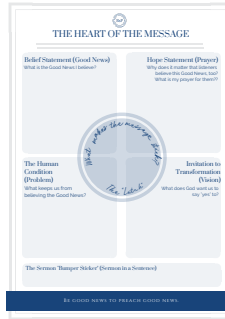
= The story, anecdote, image,
etc., that helps people
understand what's so great
about the restaurant.

What will people
"latch onto" to
understand
the message?



FROM GRID TO SERMON

Tell a story.



A SUSTAINABLE SERMON PREP PRACTICE

GET IT ON YOUR CALENDAR

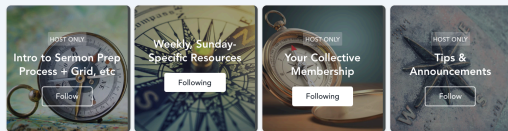
ENLIST ALLIES

THE BSP “ONLINE CONFERENCE CENTER”

Where Anglican and Mainline
Protestant preachers
gather as a co-working
community
for weekly sermon prep
and continuing education
and formation,
so that we thrive
in the craft, process, and spirituality
of preaching.



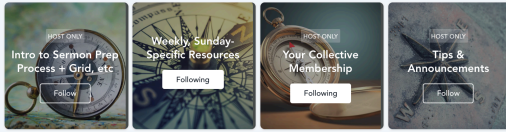
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A Co-Working Space for Weekly Sermon Prep

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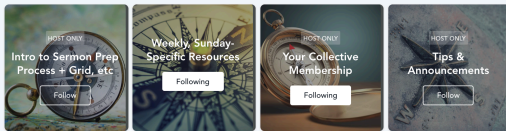
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Lectio: Mondays

Gospel on Facebook Live, 12-1:00 PM Central (always recorded)

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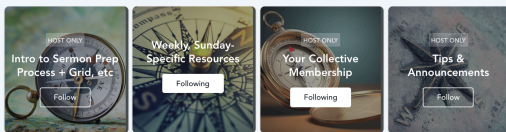


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Collated Scripture and Commentary Resources for Meditation

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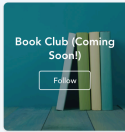
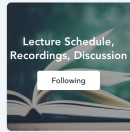


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Oratio: Live sermon prep sessions, Wednesdays and Thursdays in Zoom.

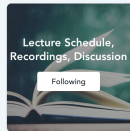
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THE COLLECTIVE+ (PLUS)

Weekly Sermon Prep *Plus* Continuing Education

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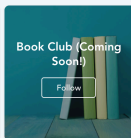
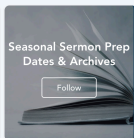
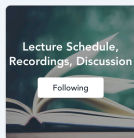


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Seasonal Sermon Prep: Five times per year, look ahead at whole seasons.

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MONTHLY GUEST LECTURERS



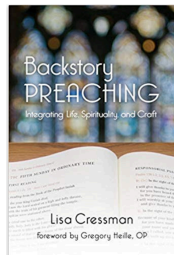
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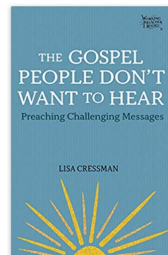
THE MENTORSHIP

Ten-month
deep dive
into the
craft, process,
and spirituality
of your preaching
(August-May).

BOOKS



The Liturgical
Press (2018)



Fortress Press/
Working Preacher Books
(2020, anticipated)

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