

# PREACHING MASTERCLASS

Delivery

# Delivery

- Write out a full manuscript
  - Helps you to think logically
  - Helps you to identify clear point that runs from start to finish
  - Helps you to become intimately familiar with your material so you can deliver it without notes
  - If using slides, shows tech folks when to change them

# Delivery

- Write an outline from the manuscript
  - Serves as notes for quotations or fill in the blank cues
  - Further helps you learn material for delivery without notes
  - Gets you in habit of getting away from need for delivery to be word for word
  - Safety net in case you have a total brain failure (it happens)

# Don't Stand Behind Pulpit/Podium

- Jesus didn't stand behind one! (Neither did Paul or any of the early church fathers or mothers)
- Creates a barrier between you & congregation
- Allows you to get closer to people to whom you're talking
- Frees you when using props

# Not Using Notes – Why?

- Most of your favorite preachers don't use notes – take a hint (John Ortberg is the exception that proves the rule)
- Reading a manuscript makes it seem like your message is coming from your head instead of your heart
- Preaching without notes makes the message come across more conversational & less formal

# Not Using Notes – Why?

- Preaching without notes and without a podium allows you to make full eye contact 100% of time
- Also allows you to better read the reactions of the people listening to you
- You'll own your material more deeply – it will come across in a more compelling way
- You'll be more vulnerable/have greater presence

# Not Using Notes – Why?

- If you mess up, forget a point, an illustration, a quote...NO ONE WILL KNOW ANYWAY!!!!!!

# How to Preach Without Notes

1. Make the decision you're going to do it and  
STICK TO IT
2. Check your pride
3. Do not memorize the message – Learn it!!
  1. There's a BIG DIFFERENCE



# How to Learn Your Message (Instead of Memorizing It)

1. Your message should have one key idea
  1. This helps the hearer to digest it better
  2. Also makes message easier to learn
  3. Can have some subpoints – but should only have one key idea
2. Know What Comes Next
  1. Message should have a structure – learn the key pieces of that
  2. Use Message Worksheet I gave out in first class

# How to Learn Your Message (Instead of Memorizing It)

## 3. Write earlier in the week

1. Gives more time for you to learn it
2. Reduces Your Anxiety

## 4. Review it

1. Best time for me is early on Sunday Morning
2. Say it out loud AT LEAST TWICE
3. Makes Notes on Your Outline

## 5. Deliver the message with confidence