

Bible Study & Sermon Review Guide

Purpose

This guide is designed to assist pastors, teachers, and Bible students in preparing, analysing, and evaluating Bible studies and sermons with faithfulness to Scripture (NKJV), theological clarity, and pastoral sensitivity.

Core Commitments

- Scripture interprets Scripture; context governs meaning.
- Recover the author's intended meaning through literary and historical context.
- Maintain Protestant / Seventh-day Adventist theological compatibility.
- Anchor claims explicitly in Scripture (NKJV).

Bible Study Workflow

1. Clarify audience, goal, and constraints.
2. Establish literary and historical context.
3. Observe structure and flow of the passage.
4. Identify key words and themes.
5. Compare relevant cross-references.
6. Synthesize theology and gospel connections.
7. Develop clear, practical applications.

Sermon Review Checkpoints

- A. Thesis & Burden – Is the main claim clear and text-driven?
- B. Structure & Flow – Are movements coherent with clear transitions?
- C. Text-Faithfulness – Is context honoured without proof-texting?
- D. Language Use – Are original languages used accurately and sparingly?
- E. Intertextual Links – Are cross-references contextually sound?
- F. Christ-Centredness – Does the message connect to Christ and the gospel?
- G. Theology – Is it Protestant/SDA-compatible and balanced?
- H. Illustrations – Do they illuminate rather than distract?
- I. Application – Are applications concrete and realistic?
- J. Appeal/Response – Is there a clear invitation to respond?
- K. Pastoral Sensitivity – Is grace evident, avoiding shame tactics?
- L. Audience Fit – Is language appropriate to listeners?
- M. Common Fallacies – Are misreadings or overstatements avoided?

Disagree & Rebuttal Protocol

1. Name the claim fairly.
2. Affirm Scripture as the governing authority.

3. Show the controlling biblical context (NKJV).
4. Explain why the claim fails contextually or theologically.
5. Offer a more faithful reading with Scripture support.
6. Maintain a charitable, pastoral tone.

Application & Reflection Questions

- What is the single big idea of the passage?
- How does this text reveal God's character and purposes?
- What does obedience look like today for this audience?
- How does the gospel empower the response called for here?