

Preparing to Teach God's Word in a Message or Devotional

A good biblical message requires much Prayer + hard Work

Know your purpose and audience. Why are you speaking to them?



Choose your text.



Do your personal study & then check out your interpretation with the experts.



Write one sentence stating the author's main point from that text. (Do not impose a point you want to make, but allow the text to speak in its context.)



Write out the primary purpose of your message. It should do one of these: inform, prove, or apply the author's main point.



Outline the sub-points that arise from the text. (Devotionals—no sub-points.)



Write out the main body of your teaching using the sub-points. Add illustrations. Then write an introduction & conclusion.

Practice & time yourself to learn (not memorize) it & revise.