

Sermon Evaluation Form

Name of reviewer:							
Name of pastor:							
Sermon:							
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We want our next pastor to show us the hope we have in Christ and to equip us to be a Gospel-home for the hurting. We want someone who exposes God's Word for us, who understands how to be a herald of the Good News. We want a pulpit ministry that teaches us how the Bible is One Story – the story of God calling a people to Himself. We want a preacher who gives us the redemptive context of a passage while faithfully teaching us the lessons God has for us in that particular passage, who can teach us the ethical implications of union with Christ while keeping God (rather than man) as the main character. We want a pastor whose humility is evident from the pulpit, who shows us how the message he is preaching is bringing healing to his own brokenness. We want a pastor who understands the questions our children and the 21 st century culture are posing to the Gospel. We want a pulpit ministry that is strong on application, that engages and challenges the Oxford and University community and its intellectual, post-modern culture							
					Rating	Weight	Score
Whole counsel of God	Did it teach me what the text says? Was it true to the text? Did the sermon "rebuke, correct, and exhort" if the text did so? Did it teach ethical implications of union with Christ if the text did so? Did it deal with (or avoid) difficult issues in the text? Were the main points based the text rather than pastor's hobbyhorse?				1 2 3 4 5	x3	
	Was the text placed in redemptive context? Did the sermon explain how the text connects to the One Story of God calling a people to Himself, with Jesus as the hero?				1 2 3 4 5	x3	
	Who was the main character? Did the sermon lead to me look to myself for my hope or to God?				1 2 3 4 5	x3	
Application	The speaker anticipated hearers' hopes, fears, problems, questions and dealt with them? Application reflects an understanding of questions posed by 21st century hearers?				1 2 3 4 5	x2	
	Transformative impact of the passage on speaker was clear – showing how the message is bringing healing to his brokenness?				1 2 3 4 5	x2	
	Prophetic? Did the sermon engage and challenge intellectual, post-modern culture? Was the speaker make application to difficult issues in the culture and in the church, like Mississippi's cultural blindspots?				1 2 3 4 5	x2	
Uction/impactful	The speaker balanced warmth, love and humility with force, power and authority? Was the sermon transformative/powerful?				1 2 3 4 5	x2	
	Herald of the Good News v. commentary?				1 2 3 4 5	x2	
Delivery	Organized and clear – Clear where the preacher was driving? Easy to follow and understand? Was there a main point, and was it both clear and persuasive? Was the presentation well-prepared? Clear opening and closing?				1 2 3 4 5	x3	
	Effective communicator - were the points presented in a fresh, wise, and striking way (as opposed to boring & cliché)? Did the speaker connect with different audiences (or only appeal to one age or segment)? Did speaker use illustration, story and anecdote effectively – to show truth, rather than simply tell it?				1 2 3 4 5	x3	
					Total	(125 possible points)	
Overall rating and other comments					1 2 3 4 5		