

Exegeting a Text for Preaching



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Shortly**

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Agenda

- Speaker Bio
- Introduction of Subject
- Wave 1
- Wave 2
- Wave 3
- Wave 4
- Conclusion

Speaker Bio

- African American Preacher's Son
- Engaged in African American Preaching
- Studied African American Preaching in Seminary
- Teaches Black Preaching on SoulPreaching.Com



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Four Waves of Exegesis

- Wave 1 – Initial Confrontation with Text
- Wave 2 – In-Depth Exploration of Text
- Wave 3 – Getting Help in Exploring the Text
- Wave 4 – Walking Through the Text

Wave 1

Initial Confrontation With Text

Wave 1 - Purpose

- Capture your most creative interaction with text
- Capture your devotional reading observations
- Open up your innermost self to the interaction with the Spirit through the Word

Wave 1 - Description

- Prayer for help from the Spirit
- Initial reading of the Text

Prayer

- Ask for Help in knowing what to say
- Ask for help in knowing what needs to be said
- Ask for help in knowing what the scripture has said.
- Ask for help in applying the scripture today
- The job of the preacher is hard, you need help.

Initial Reading of Text

- Read the Text In your favorite Translation
- Read the Text out loud
- Read Text in Context at least a chapter before and the current chapter and the chapter after your passage
- Don't censor yourself, you will fix it up later
- Summarize Thoughts in one page
- Quickly go through it.
- Note anything at all that comes to your mind.
 - Other Sermons
 - Stories
 - Books
 - Popular Culture

Questions to Ask

- What Songs or Hymns Come to Mind?
- What Stories from television, movies, or literature come to mind?
- What other Scriptures come to your Mind?
- What are the images that hit you as you read?
- Is there any other thing that comes to mind?

Wave 2 – In Depth Location

Wave 2 - Purpose

- Understand the Scripture on its own terms
- In-depth understanding of the Scripture under consideration
- Allow the Bible alone to answer your questions

Wave 2 – In Depth Reading

- Here you add to your tools the Treasury of Scriptural Knowledge (Cross References) Look all of them up
- Add Other Translations of Bible (and original if proficient)
- Do not use other materials
- Create a Story-Line
- Analyze Theology
- Analyze Rhetoric
- Analyze the Social Characteristics
- Then use other materials

Other Translations

- KJV – Still the most popular Bible
- NIV – The most popular new translation
- NASB – The evangelical Scholarly Translation
- NRSV – The popular Mainline Translation
- Have a primary translation and

Cross References

- Treasury of Scriptural Knowledge tool
- Look it up with guidance from your exegesis document

Create Story Line

- Who are the major players?
- What are they doing?
- What is the plot?
- What happens at the end?
- What is God doing in the text?

Analyze Theology

- What does the author say about God?
- What does the author say about the following:
 - Creation (Where we came from)
 - Covenant (How Does God Relate to Us)
 - Sin (How humanity breaks relation to God)
 - Redemption (How God Cleans up Sin)
 - Community (How do we live together)
 - Destiny (Where are we going)

Analyze Rhetoric and Logic

- What are the important words used?
- What are the arguments used in the text?
- What are the images that the author uses?
- Why does the author use these images?

Analyze Social Characteristics

- Who has the power in the text?
- What are those without power doing?
- What are those with power doing?
- Is there a political dimension to the action in the text?
- How is God or the Gospel affecting the socio-cultural circumstances in the text?

Analyze History

- Who is the author?
- Who were the original hearers of the text?
- When was it written?
- What is happening in the community at this time?
- What is happening among other communities at this time?

Fill in Missing information

- Use Bible Dictionaries
- Use Encyclopedias
- Use Commentaries

Wave 3 – Other Perspectives

Wave 3 - Purpose

- Allow interaction with other voices
- Connect to our traditions

Adding Other Perspectives

- Hymnal
- Sermons
- Denominational Resources
- Poems, television, etc.
- Study Bibles

Wave 4 – Walking in the Text

Wave 4 – Purpose

- Informed creativity
- Allows exegete to experience the Bible
- Opens way to giving the people an experience

Wave 4 – Going Deeper - Senses

- Smells in the Text
- Sights in the Text
- Sounds in the Text
- Touch in the Text
- Tastes in the Text

Feelings in the Text

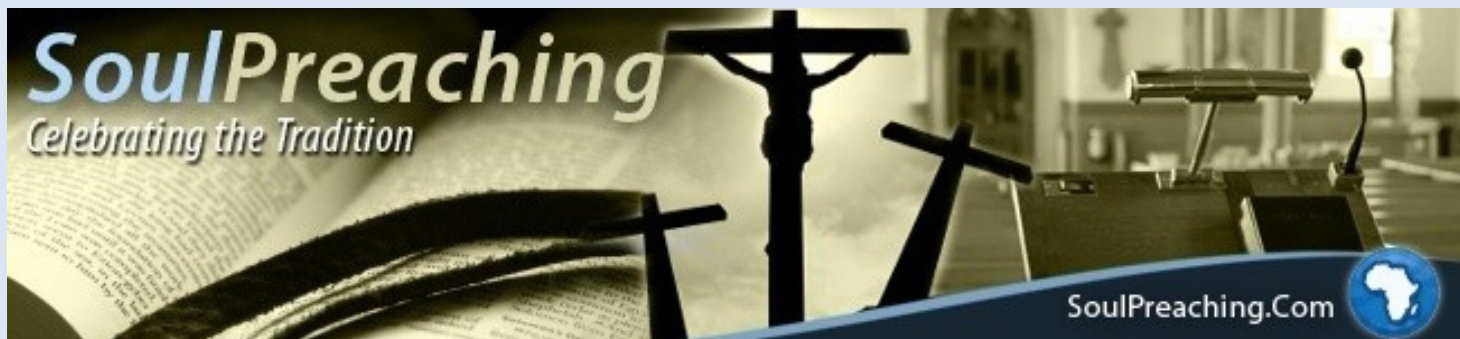
- What are the emotions in the Text?
- Look at each major character
- What emotions are in you as you read.

The Waves and Creativity

- Wave 1 – Unrestrained Creativity
- Wave 2 – In depth exploration in the Text
- Wave 3 – Getting help from others
- Wave 4 – Informed creativity

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Questions and Answers