



Burnside City  
Uniting Church

# BCUC Sermon Workshop 1

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**What Do You Want to explore/ learn together?**

## **1. Why Preach?**

*"Christ who is present when he is preached among people is the Word of God who acquits the guilty, who gives life to the dead and who brings into being what otherwise could not exist. Through human witness in word and action, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ reaches out to command people's attention and awaken faith; he calls people into the fellowship of his sufferings, to be the disciples of a crucified Lord; in his own strange way Christ constitutes, rules and renews them as his Church." Basis of Union (Paragraph 3)*

*"And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." Mark 16:15*

## **2. Purpose of a sermon**

- Prophetic/ teaching (biblical, theological, social)/ evangelistic/ pastoral/ edifying/ practical discipleship/ coaching.
- What do you look for in a sermon?

## **3. Context is key: Location, location, location.**

- What is the context, picture someone
- Is this relevant to the context of the congregation?

## **4. Content**

- Start with the scripture and research.
- Create a mind-map
- Focus and cull. Less is more. Is this necessary for the take-home message or just additional?
- What other scriptures/ stories help illustrate, connect
- Is this true to the scripture?
- Has the gospel been preached?
- What is the take-home message?
- Will this feed the congregation? How?
- How can this message be applied?
- Relevant and/or interesting?
- What structure best fits with the message?

## **5. Integrity and prayer**

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6. **Delivery**- aim for being engaging, relevant, memorable and applicable

- Take us on a journey, help us through.
- How can this be more engaging without being distracting?
- stand-up delivery?
- or creative delivery?
- images? PPT
- manuscript or not?
- A sermon or a lecture?
- Jokes and humour, they need to always be helpful for the message not a hindrance. There can be a power in humour.
- Story choice
- Application and response
- Delivery is engaging and holds their attention. verbal: tone, pace, non verbals: gesture, emotion, facials, eye contact.
- Is this about God or about me?

7. **A passionate desperation**

- Do I care about this message?

**Sermon Analysis:**

1. What for you was the take-home message?
2. What type of sermon was it and what was it's aim? Prophetic/ teaching (biblical, theological, social)/ evangelistic/ pastoral/ edifying/ practical discipleship/ coaching.
3. Who was the sermon for?
4. Was the gospel preached?
5. Are there any queries/questions about the content of the sermon?
6. How did the sermon engage the congregational context?
7. How much did sermon engage with the biblical text?
8. How did the delivery of the sermon enhance or detract from the content?
9. How would you 'map the energy' of the sermon?
10. Was there a strong beginning and end?
11. What was the structure/logical flow of the sermon?
12. How would you map the use of the scripture?
13. What do you remember most?
14. What attempts were made to connect with congregation? How successful were they?
15. Was there an opportunity for response and application?
16. How did the sermon help BCUC in "raising Children of God"?

