

# Sermon Evaluation Guidelines

Southwest Florida Presbytery

Candidates Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of stated meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Candidates have been given these guidelines to help them in their preparation and to inform them of the standards we use in evaluation. As you listen, or when the sermon is over, evaluate the sermon using the scale below. It is our hope that this will help us be more objective in our evaluation. However, we do not intend to set a 'minimal criteria' for passage. These guidelines should help us evaluate what we have just heard. If you would turn this sheet in following the sermon, we will compile the numbers for the candidates' interest. Cumulative numbers will be communicated to the candidates. They will not see your particular evaluation.

**Scale:** 1 = Superior; 2 = Good; 3 = Satisfactory; 4 = Needs Work; 5 = Unacceptable

## I. Is it biblical?

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| 1. Points grew up out of the text                         | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 2. Exegesis sound but not belabored                       | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 3. Message based on meaning of <i>this</i> text           | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 4. Context and genre adequately considered                | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 5. Problems of <i>this</i> text were adequately addressed | 1 2 3 4 5 |

## II. Is it properly centered?

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| 6. This message was God/Christ centered             | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 7. The motivation offered was redemptive, not legal | 1 2 3 4 5 |

## III. Does it nourish spiritually?

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| 8. This message was spiritually nourishing                      | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 9. This message was in touch with reality (hit me where I live) | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 10. This message called me to a response                        | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 11. The application grew naturally out of <i>this</i> text      | 1 2 3 4 5 |

## IV. Is it clear?

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| 12. The sermon was well organized          | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 13. The structure was plain, clear, simple | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 14. There was a unifying theme             | 1 2 3 4 5 |

## V. Is it Persuasive?

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| 15. There was a demonstrated confidence in the power and authority of the Word of God | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 16. The message was delivered with gravity, force, earnestness                        | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 17. There was a sense of poise, naturalness, comfort in the pulpit                    | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 18. Enthusiasm and sincerity were communicated  | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 19. The speaker adequately reflected self-examination                                 | 1 2 3 4 5 |

## VI. How does it "feel"?

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| 20. Illustrations were used appropriately and effectively | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 21. There was variety in voice, pace and language         | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 22. This speaker was easy to listen to                    | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 23. The speaker was free of distracting gestures          | 1 2 3 4 5 |