workshops on biblical exposition

Sermon Preparation Worksheet

Name: Passage:

instructions: In your small group, you will have *5 minutes* to present on each of your passages. For each of your assigned passages, please respond to the questions below and provide *10 copies of this one-page handout* (front and back, typed) that will assist your group in offering productive feedback. If you do not understand any of these questions, please visit *simeontrust.org/prepare/* to find additional advice.

1. **How has the author organized this passage?** Please a) show the structure in sections with verse references and b) explain what strategies you used to see this structure. What is the emphasis revealed by the structure?

2. **How does the context inform the meaning of this passage?** Please consider: a) the *literary context* (passages before and after the passage), b) the *historical context* (circumstances of the author’s audience), c) the *cultural context* (details relevant to life as it was lived in this place at this time), and d) the *biblical context* (citations/allusions or historical connections to other books that the author is making). *Please list only those that are relevant to the meaning of the passage.*

3. **What is the main point the author is arguing to *his audience*** (in one short sentence)?

4. **How does this passage connect to the gospel of Jesus Christ?** What *part of the gospel* is in view?

5. **What is the main point you will argue to *your audience***(in one short sentence)?

6. **What applications will you make?** Consider both Christians and non-Christians.

7. **What is your sermon title and your preaching outline?**