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. c) 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?**